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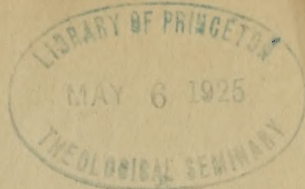


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,  
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*Washington, D. C., January 12, 1925.*

SIR: I transmit herewith a report on Marriage and Divorce. This report presents the results of a collection of the statistics of marriage and divorce for the year 1923. It represents the fifth investigation on the subject made by the Federal Government. The first investigation was made by the former Department of Labor and covered the 20-year period, 1867 to 1886. Each of the other investigations was made by the Bureau of the Census. The second investigation covered the 20-year period 1887 to 1906, the third the calendar year 1916, and the fourth the calendar year 1922.

This report was prepared under the supervision of William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population, assisted by George B. Wetzel, supervising special agent, who had immediate charge of the collection and compilation of the data.

Respectfully,

W. M. STEUART,  
*Director of the Census.*

Hon. HERBERT HOOVER,  
*Secretary of Commerce.*

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# MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: 1923

## INTRODUCTION

Three investigations of marriage and divorce have been made by the Federal Government: the first by the Bureau of Census in 1907 and 1908, the second by the Bureau of Census in 1917 and 1918, and the third by the Bureau of Census in 1923.

The first investigation covered the 10-year period 1907 to 1916. The data were obtained by means of questionnaires sent to the Bureau of Census by the State and Territorial Departments of Health, and the results were published in 1908.

The second investigation covered the 10-year period 1917 to 1926. The data were obtained by means of questionnaires sent to the Bureau of Census by the State and Territorial Departments of Health, and the results were published in 1918.

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The third investigation covered the 10-year period 1923 to 1932. The data were obtained by means of questionnaires sent to the Bureau of Census by the State and Territorial Departments of Health, and the results were published in 1933.

At the third investigation the Bureau of Census in 1923 found that the number of marriages in each State was as follows: 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

The results of the third investigation for marriage and divorce in each State were as follows: 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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A report on marriage and divorce in the United States, 1907-1916.

A report on marriage and divorce in the United States, 1917-1926.

A report on marriage and divorce in the United States, 1923-1932.

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## MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: 1923

### INTRODUCTION

Five investigations of marriage and divorce have been made by the Federal Government—the first by the former Department of Labor and each of the others by the Bureau of the Census.

The first investigation covered the 20-year period 1867 to 1886.<sup>1</sup> The statistics were largely collected by regular employees of the Department of Labor, but in some of the more sparsely settled or distant counties the collection was by local authorities, who made their returns by mail.

The second investigation covered the 20-year period 1887 to 1906.<sup>2</sup> The statistics were largely collected by the regular employees of the Bureau of the Census, who visited the different county seats and obtained the statistics from court records. In 765 of the smaller and more remote counties, however, the statistics were furnished by the court clerks, who were temporarily appointed special agents of the Bureau of the Census; and in 206 counties in the Southern States the information was secured by special agents of the bureau, ordinarily employed to collect statistics of the cotton crop.

The third, fourth, and fifth investigations covered in each case a single year—1916, 1922, and 1923, respectively—and the statistics were collected almost wholly through correspondence with State officials, county or court clerks, or other officials having custody of the records.

At the third investigation<sup>3</sup> the number of marriages in each county was obtained for 27 States from printed reports or State records, and in 3 States information as to divorce was obtained from State officials, but for the remainder of the country the statistics were obtained directly from county or court clerks. No statistics of marriage were secured for South Carolina, with 44 counties, or for 9 unorganized counties in South Dakota and Texas; and in certain southern counties, where court clerks failed to make the returns, statistics of divorce were collected by special agents of the Bureau of the Census, ordinarily employed to collect statistics of the cotton crop.

At the fourth investigation<sup>4</sup> the returns for marriage were secured from State records in 25 States, and those for divorce from State records in 10 States.<sup>5</sup> In the remaining States the reports were secured by correspondence with the court clerks or other county officials having charge of the records, except in 212 counties where the reports were collected by special agents of the Bureau of the Census.

The results of the fifth investigation—that for 1923—are presented in this report. The returns as to marriage were secured from State records in 26 States

<sup>1</sup> A report on Marriage and Divorce in the United States: 1867 to 1886.

<sup>2</sup> Marriage and Divorce: 1887 to 1906.

<sup>3</sup> Marriage and Divorce: 1916.

<sup>4</sup> Marriage and Divorce: 1922.

<sup>5</sup> In 11 counties in 1 of the 10 States the divorce returns were secured from county records.



and those as to divorce from State records in 11 States.<sup>6</sup> In some of these, the State records for divorce, however, do not always contain as much detail as is called for by the divorce schedule, and to that extent the figures furnished are incomplete. The reports for the District of Columbia were secured from the local court records, while in 1 State, South Carolina, no divorces are granted. In other States, returns for most of the counties were obtained through correspondence with county officials. For 81 counties returns as to divorce, and for 22 counties those as to marriage, were made by special agents of the Bureau of the Census; and for 88 counties the officials reported that no divorces were granted in 1923.

The first divorce schedules for 1923 were mailed to county officials February 12, 1924. By June 30—slightly over four and a half months later—over 92 per cent of the divorce schedules had been received, and by November 1—approximately eight and a half months after the first schedules were mailed—all but 113 had been received.

With a few exceptions, county officials were paid 10 cents for each acceptable divorce schedule received, and 50 cents for the statement giving the number of marriages in the county during 1923. But 5 cents was paid State officials for each acceptable divorce schedule prepared, while no payment was made for the marriage report furnished from State records. The average rate paid per divorce schedule secured was 9 cents, as against 9.6 cents at the 1922 investigation, and 13.3 cents at the 1916 investigation.

The investigation for 1923, like that for 1922, was thus completed quickly and economically, through the hearty cooperation of State and county officials with the Bureau of the Census.

The need for systematic registration and the advantage of annual collection of these statistics have been discussed in detail in the report for 1922.<sup>7</sup> The current report has been simplified and reduced in size to cover only the most vital facts in connection with marriage and divorce. There is no discussion as to the residence of libellee, place of marriage, and alimony, because these inquiries were omitted on the schedule for 1923; but it is hoped to renew, at five-year intervals, possibly, the larger number of inquiries made for the year 1922.

## MARRIAGE STATISTICS

**Scope.**—The statistics of marriages collected for the calendar year 1923 are confined—as were the statistics collected for each of the four preceding investigations—to a mere statement of the number of marriages celebrated. A report giving the total number of marriages celebrated during 1923 was received for each county in the United States, with the exception of four counties in which there were no marriages. Thus, the marriage returns for this investigation are ostensibly complete as to area covered, as were also the returns for 1922.

**Number of marriages.**—The number of marriages reported for 1923 and for 1922, with the numerical and percentage increase, are shown for divisions and States in Table 1.

<sup>6</sup> The 11 States furnishing returns for both marriage and divorce were Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, South Dakota, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Fifteen other States furnished marriage statistics from State records, as follows: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia.

In 1 State the divorce returns secured from State records covered only 9 months of the year, and in another they did not include the divorces in 2 counties.

<sup>7</sup> See *Marriage and Divorce, 1922*, p. 3.



TABLE 1.—MARRIAGES REPORTED, WITH NUMERICAL AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923 AND 1922

[A minus sign (—) denotes decrease]

DIVISION AND STATE	MARRIAGES REPORTED		INCREASE: 1922 TO 1923	
	1923	1922	Number	Per cent
UNITED STATES.....	1,224,373	1,129,045	95,328	8.4
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:				
New England.....	69,690	64,649	5,041	7.8
Middle Atlantic.....	217,783	195,760	22,023	11.3
East North Central.....	248,415	226,944	21,471	9.5
West North Central.....	130,394	128,057	2,337	1.8
South Atlantic.....	175,133	160,882	14,251	8.9
East South Central.....	117,385	111,022	6,363	5.7
West South Central.....	146,604	135,076	11,528	8.5
Mountain.....	38,924	36,281	2,643	7.3
Pacific.....	80,045	70,374	9,671	13.7
NEW ENGLAND:				
Maine.....	6,842	6,649	193	2.9
New Hampshire.....	4,824	4,505	319	7.1
Vermont.....	3,290	3,035	255	8.4
Massachusetts.....	35,200	32,683	2,517	7.7
Rhode Island.....	6,199	5,669	530	9.3
Connecticut.....	13,335	12,108	1,227	10.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:				
New York.....	111,387	98,357	13,030	13.2
New Jersey.....	28,730	27,114	1,616	6.0
Pennsylvania.....	77,666	70,289	7,377	10.5
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:				
Ohio.....	56,031	53,206	2,825	5.3
Indiana.....	140,971	137,692	3,279	8.7
Illinois.....	84,068	75,208	8,860	11.8
Michigan.....	49,569	43,561	6,008	13.8
Wisconsin.....	17,776	17,277	499	2.9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
Minnesota.....	24,785	24,248	537	2.2
Iowa.....	23,516	22,745	771	3.4
Missouri.....	41,807	39,598	2,209	5.6
North Dakota.....	4,006	3,822	184	4.8
South Dakota.....	6,255	5,523	732	13.3
Nebraska.....	9,149	12,416	-3,267	-26.3
Kansas.....	20,876	19,705	1,171	5.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC:				
Delaware.....	1,339	1,451	-112	-7.7
Maryland.....	25,678	22,928	2,750	12.0
District of Columbia.....	5,739	5,760	-21	-.4
Virginia.....	23,559	23,017	542	2.4
West Virginia.....	18,985	17,034	1,951	11.5
North Carolina.....	24,028	22,267	1,761	7.9
South Carolina.....	20,511	17,624	2,887	16.4
Georgia.....	37,959	35,823	2,136	6.0
Florida.....	17,335	14,978	2,357	15.7
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Kentucky.....	28,087	26,929	1,158	4.3
Tennessee.....	33,826	32,549	1,277	3.9
Alabama.....	28,309	25,496	2,813	11.0
Mississippi.....	27,163	26,048	1,115	4.3
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Arkansas.....	28,637	26,740	1,897	7.1
Louisiana.....	22,881	21,588	1,293	6.0
Oklahoma.....	25,843	25,018	825	3.3
Texas.....	69,243	61,730	7,513	12.2
MOUNTAIN:				
Montana.....	5,300	5,228	72	1.4
Idaho.....	4,344	4,138	206	5.0
Wyoming.....	2,204	1,998	206	10.3
Colorado.....	12,077	11,456	621	5.4
New Mexico.....	4,463	4,101	362	8.8
Arizona.....	3,857	3,192	665	20.8
Utah.....	5,667	5,233	434	8.3
Nevada.....	1,012	935	77	8.2
PACIFIC:				
Washington.....	17,704	16,359	1,345	8.2
Oregon.....	7,151	6,538	613	9.4
California.....	53,190	47,477	7,713	16.2

<sup>1</sup> Licenses issued.<sup>2</sup> Includes estimated number of marriages (165) for Calhoun County; records destroyed by fire.

In using the figures of Table 1, it must be remembered that the number of marriages reported for 1923, as well as the number reported for 1922, are affected by the incompleteness in the returns due to lack of proper registration of marriages in many of the States and counties. It is probably true, therefore, that the reported increases in the number of marriages are only roughly indicative of the actual increases. The striking variations among the States in the per cent of increase or decrease—variations ranging from an increase of 20.8 per cent in Arizona to a decrease of 26.3 per cent in Nebraska—suggest that in many States the reported increase or decrease is not entirely representative of normal conditions as to marriage.

The number of marriages reported for each county for 1923 is shown in Table 25 (p. 42).

**Marriage rates.**—Table 2 shows by divisions and States, for 1923, for 1922, and for 1916, the number of marriages per 1,000 population, based on the estimated total population, the estimated population 15 years of age and over, and the estimated unmarried population 15 years of age and over, respectively.<sup>a</sup>

TABLE 2.—MARRIAGE RATES, BASED ON TOTAL POPULATION, POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, AND UNMARRIED POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, RESPECTIVELY, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916

[The populations on which the rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF MARRIAGES PER 1,000—								
	Total population			Population 15 years of age and over			Unmarried <sup>a</sup> population 15 years of age and over		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
UNITED STATES.....	11.1	10.3	10.7	16.2	15.1	15.6	41.4	38.5	38.3
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:									
New England.....	9.0	8.5	10.1	12.7	11.9	14.0	30.0	28.0	31.9
Middle Atlantic.....	9.3	8.5	9.5	13.4	12.2	13.4	33.2	30.0	32.1
East North Central.....	11.0	10.2	10.5	15.5	14.4	14.9	40.6	37.5	37.5
West North Central.....	10.1	10.0	10.2	14.7	14.5	14.8	37.2	36.7	36.2
South Atlantic.....	12.0	11.1	11.8	18.8	17.5	18.5	48.0	44.5	45.8
East South Central.....	12.9	12.3	12.1	20.5	19.5	19.3	55.1	52.2	49.9
West South Central.....	13.6	12.7	12.3	21.2	19.9	19.6	56.4	52.7	51.0
Mountain.....	10.8	10.3	11.9	16.4	15.5	17.6	42.7	40.2	43.1
Pacific.....	13.2	11.9	9.9	17.7	15.9	13.2	44.4	39.6	30.7
NEW ENGLAND:									
Maine.....	8.8	8.6	8.7	12.3	12.0	12.0	30.9	30.0	29.5
New Hampshire.....	10.8	10.1	10.2	14.8	13.9	14.0	35.6	33.3	32.8
Vermont.....	9.3	8.6	14.9	13.1	12.1	20.5	32.6	30.1	50.7
Massachusetts.....	8.7	8.2	9.4	12.2	11.4	12.9	27.8	26.0	28.5
Rhode Island.....	9.9	9.1	9.8	14.0	12.9	13.7	32.3	29.6	30.4
Connecticut.....	9.0	8.4	11.8	13.0	12.0	16.7	32.5	29.7	39.4
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:									
New York.....	10.3	9.2	9.8	14.3	12.7	13.6	34.5	30.7	31.5
New Jersey.....	8.5	8.2	10.6	12.2	11.8	15.2	31.5	30.1	37.4
Pennsylvania.....	8.5	7.8	8.6	12.6	11.6	12.7	32.1	29.2	30.9
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:									
Ohio.....	9.2	8.8	9.7	12.8	12.4	13.6	34.1	32.7	34.7
Indiana.....	13.6	12.6	11.8	19.1	17.7	16.6	53.0	49.0	44.5
Illinois.....	12.4	11.2	11.1	17.5	15.8	15.7	44.4	40.1	38.4
Michigan.....	12.5	11.2	11.9	17.8	16.0	17.0	48.2	43.2	44.6
Wisconsin.....	6.5	6.4	7.3	9.4	9.2	10.6	22.9	22.4	24.9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:									
Minnesota.....	9.9	9.8	10.1	14.4	14.2	14.7	33.1	32.7	32.4
Iowa.....	9.5	9.3	9.8	13.5	13.2	14.0	34.9	33.9	34.8
Missouri.....	12.1	11.5	11.0	17.1	16.3	15.8	44.5	42.1	39.6
North Dakota.....	6.0	5.7	7.9	9.9	9.5	12.7	24.4	23.3	30.1
South Dakota.....	9.5	8.5	9.0	14.6	13.0	13.8	37.0	32.7	33.3
Nebraska.....	6.9	9.4	10.2	10.1	13.8	15.0	26.1	35.5	37.3
Kansas.....	11.6	11.0	10.4	16.8	16.0	15.2	45.6	43.1	39.8

<sup>a</sup> Single, widowed, and divorced.

<sup>b</sup> Population estimates are based on the returns of the census of 1920.



TABLE 2.—MARRIAGE RATES, BASED ON TOTAL POPULATION, POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, AND UNMARRIED POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, RESPECTIVELY, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916—Continued

[The populations on which the rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF MARRIAGES PER 1,000—								
	Total population			Population 15 years of age and over			Unmarried <sup>1</sup> population 15 years of age and over		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC:</b>									
Delaware.....	5.8	6.4	9.5	8.2	8.9	13.3	21.5	23.4	33.2
Maryland.....	17.1	15.4	14.6	24.1	21.8	20.9	58.9	53.0	49.1
District of Columbia.....	12.1	13.2	10.8	15.1	15.5	13.7	31.0	31.9	28.1
Virginia.....	9.8	9.7	9.8	15.2	15.0	15.4	37.6	37.0	36.8
West Virginia.....	12.2	11.2	11.9	19.5	17.8	18.9	53.0	48.1	49.5
North Carolina.....	8.9	8.4	9.9	15.0	14.1	16.7	38.9	36.4	42.1
South Carolina <sup>2</sup> .....	11.8	10.2	-----	19.8	17.2	-----	50.3	43.6	-----
Georgia.....	12.7	12.1	12.9	20.4	19.5	21.0	54.4	51.8	54.7
Florida.....	16.6	14.6	15.0	24.6	21.8	23.0	66.8	58.9	60.7
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>									
Kentucky.....	11.4	11.0	10.8	17.5	16.9	16.6	47.1	45.2	42.7
Tennessee.....	14.1	13.7	12.6	22.0	21.4	19.7	59.4	57.3	51.2
Alabama.....	11.7	10.6	11.2	19.1	17.4	18.5	51.0	46.2	47.9
Mississippi.....	15.2	14.5	14.4	24.4	23.5	23.7	65.7	63.0	61.0
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>									
Arkansas.....	15.8	14.9	14.7	25.4	24.0	24.0	72.8	68.3	65.5
Louisiana.....	12.4	11.8	11.1	19.2	18.3	17.6	48.5	46.0	42.8
Oklahoma.....	12.0	11.8	10.8	19.0	18.8	17.4	54.2	53.4	48.8
Texas.....	14.0	12.7	12.5	21.4	19.5	19.7	55.1	50.1	50.0
<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>									
Montana.....	8.7	8.8	16.7	13.1	13.2	24.2	34.8	34.6	57.2
Idaho.....	9.2	9.0	10.2	14.4	14.0	15.5	39.0	37.6	39.3
Wyoming.....	10.4	9.7	10.1	15.4	14.2	14.5	41.4	37.6	33.9
Colorado.....	12.2	11.7	10.3	17.5	16.8	14.7	46.0	43.9	36.6
New Mexico.....	12.0	11.1	11.0	19.1	17.7	17.4	47.5	44.1	43.6
Arizona.....	10.1	8.7	12.6	15.3	13.1	18.9	38.2	32.6	45.3
Utah.....	11.9	11.2	12.1	19.1	17.9	19.3	49.8	46.5	48.5
Nevada.....	13.1	12.1	12.7	17.4	16.1	15.4	38.5	35.6	31.3
<b>PACIFIC:</b>									
Washington.....	12.3	11.6	10.8	17.1	16.0	14.8	44.6	41.3	35.3
Oregon.....	8.7	8.1	7.3	12.0	11.1	10.0	31.9	29.2	23.4
California.....	14.5	12.8	10.2	19.1	16.9	13.3	46.6	40.9	30.6

<sup>1</sup> Single, widowed, and divorced.

<sup>2</sup> No marriage returns for 1916.

The marriage rate, based on the total population, was lower in 1922 than in 1916 in the entire United States, in 6 of the 9 geographic divisions, and in 30 of the 47 States for which figures are available for both years. In 1923, however, the rate was higher than in 1922 in the entire United States, in each geographic division, and in 45 of the 48 States. Also, the rate was higher in 1923 than in 1916 in the entire United States and in a majority of the divisions and the States.

Marriage rates based on the adult population probably are more significant than those based on the total population. In the United States as a whole, the number of marriages per 1,000 persons 15 years of age and over was 16.2 in 1923, as against 15.1 in 1922, and 15.6 in 1916. Likewise, in each geographic division, in each State except Nebraska, Delaware, and Montana, and in the District of Columbia, this rate was higher in 1923 than in 1922; and, in the majority of the divisions and the States, it was higher in 1923 than in 1916.

Probably the most significant of the marriage rates presented in Table 2 are those based on the marriageable population, that is, on the unmarried population—the single, widowed, and divorced persons—15 years of age and over. For the entire United States, the number of marriages per 1,000 unmarried persons 15 years of age and over was 41.4 in 1923, as compared with 38.5 in 1922,

and 38.3 in 1916. This rate was also higher in 1923 than in 1922 in each geographic division, in each State except Nebraska and Delaware, and in the District of Columbia; and it was higher in 1923 than in 1916 in a majority of the divisions and the States.

An abrupt change in the marriage rate of a State frequently is the result of a change in the marriage law. Thus, in Nebraska, the low rate for 1923, as compared with the rate for 1922, doubtless is explained in part by a 1923 amendment to the marriage law, requiring that an application be posted 10 days before a marriage license is issued.

The striking variations among the different geographic divisions, and among the different States, in the marriage rates for 1923, in those for 1922, and in those for 1916, doubtless are in considerable measure the results of differences in the age, sex, and race composition of the population. To some extent, however, these variations probably are due to differences among the States in the degree to which marriages were registered and reported to the Bureau of the Census, and to differences in the extent to which the marriages reported represented marriages of nonresidents. Sometimes, also, these variations may be in part the result of defective estimates of population.

The law in each State, in 1923, in 1922, and in 1916, provided that every marriage solemnized be reported to a specified county official, and in about two-thirds of the States there was legal provision for State registration of marriages; but these legal provisions were not always strictly complied with. As a result, the number of marriages reported to the Bureau of the Census doubtless was sometimes incomplete.

The very high marriage rate for a State sometimes is due to the fact that the marriages reported include the marriages of many nonresidents, who come to the State to be married because of its lenient marriage laws. The possible effect upon the marriage rate of the difference in State legal requirements in regard to issuing marriage licenses may be illustrated best, perhaps, by marriage rates for counties, since the so-called "Gretna Greens" usually are confined to one or to a few counties of a State.

In Delaware 24 hours must elapse, after securing the license, before the marriage, while in Maryland the marriage may be celebrated at once. As a result, in 1923 the marriage rate per 1,000 population was 6 in New Castle County, Del.—which county includes the city of Wilmington—whereas in Cecil County, Md.—adjoining New Castle County and containing the town of Elkton—the rate was 210.5. This exceptionally high rate in Cecil County, and the high rate in Garrett County (57) and in Howard County (66.9), are reflected in the high rate for the State of Maryland.

In West Virginia the marriage rate per 1,000 population, in 1923, was 144.9 in Brooke County, as against 12.2 in the State as a whole. Brooke County lies in the northern panhandle of the State, between Ohio and Pennsylvania; and because the marriage license laws of West Virginia are more lax than those of Ohio and Pennsylvania, most of the marriages in Brooke County were of persons from these two adjoining States.

In each of 30 counties, in 1923, the marriage rate per 1,000 estimated population was, with a few exceptions, at least three times the rate for the State in which the county was located. The figures are presented in the following statement:



STATE AND COUNTY	Rate per 1,000	STATE AND COUNTY	Rate per 1,000	STATE AND COUNTY	Rate per 1,000
California.....	14.5	Kentucky.....	11.4	Nebraska.....	6.9
Orange County.....	60.0	Boyd County.....	39.6	Sarpy County.....	33.2
Colorado.....	12.2	Campbell County.....	38.1	Ohio.....	9.2
Arapahoe County.....	50.8	Louisiana.....	12.4	Lawrence County.....	22.9
Jefferson County.....	52.8	St. Bernard Parish.....	75.3	Tennessee.....	14.1
Georgia.....	12.7	Maryland.....	17.1	Sullivan County.....	39.1
Quitman County.....	62.0	Cecil County.....	210.5	Utah.....	11.9
Walker County.....	42.8	Garrett County.....	57.0	Davis County.....	44.8
Idaho.....	9.2	Howard County.....	66.9	Virginia.....	9.8
Kootenai County.....	34.6	Michigan.....	12.5	Greensville County.....	41.4
Illinois.....	12.4	Menominee County.....	36.8	Alexandria city.....	63.1
Lake County.....	49.5	Monroe County.....	57.4	Danville city.....	40.4
Indiana.....	13.6	Minnesota.....	9.9	Washington.....	12.3
Clark County.....	112.6	Clay County.....	27.7	Clarke County.....	75.5
Kansas.....	11.6	Winona County.....	24.1	West Virginia.....	12.2
Johnson County.....	37.5	Missouri.....	12.1	Brooke County.....	144.9
		Clay County.....	42.6		
		St. Charles County.....	47.7		

The State and county officials who made the returns stated that many couples go from Virginia, where the legal age for marriage without parental consent is 21, across the State line to Sullivan County, Tenn., where the legal age is only 18; and that many couples go from Wisconsin, Oregon, and North Dakota, each of which has a so-called "eugenics law," to adjoining States which have no such law. According to these county officials, "runaway" couples, and other couples desiring to avoid publicity, quite generally go from large cities to near-by counties, or from one State across the line into another State, to be married.

## DIVORCE STATISTICS

**Scope.**—The investigation of divorce for 1923 referred, as did that for 1922 and that for 1916, to final decrees of divorce only, and did not include all applications for divorce. The inquiries as to decrees of divorce, numbering 16 on the schedule for 1916 and 11 on the schedule for 1922, were reduced to the following 6 for the schedule for 1923: \*

1. Date of marriage.....
2. Who was libellant?.....  
(Husband or wife)
3. Was case contested?.....  
(Yes or no)
4. Decree or judgment:  
(a) Date of interlocutory decree.....  
(Month) (Day) (Year)  
(b) Date of final decree.....  
(Month) (Day) (Year)
5. Cause for which divorced.....
6. Number of children affected by decree.....

Both for 1923 and for 1922 returns as to the number of divorces were received from each county in the United States, thus making each of these investigations ostensibly complete as to area.

\* The following inquiries, used in 1916, were omitted from the 1922 schedule: Date of separation; How was notice served? Number of years married; If not direct, was intemperance an indirect cause? Was alimony asked?

And the following inquiries, used in 1922, were omitted from the 1923 schedule: State or foreign country in which married; Date of filing petition; Kind of divorce; Was alimony granted? Residence of libellee.

**Number of divorces.**—The number of divorces reported in 1923 and in 1922, with the numerical and percentage increase, are shown for divisions and States in Table 3.

**TABLE 3.—DIVORCES REPORTED, WITH NUMERICAL AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923 AND 1922**

[A minus sign (—) denotes decrease]

DIVISION AND STATE	DIVORCES REPORTED		INCREASE: 1922 TO 1923	
	1923	1922	Number	Per cent
UNITED STATES.....	165,226	148,815	16,411	11.0
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:				
New England.....	7,993	7,192	801	11.1
Middle Atlantic.....	13,839	13,112	727	5.5
East North Central.....	42,405	37,951	4,454	11.7
West North Central.....	22,983	21,408	1,575	7.4
South Atlantic.....	12,373	11,069	1,304	11.8
East South Central.....	14,722	12,881	1,841	14.3
West South Central.....	26,927	23,859	3,068	12.9
Mountain.....	8,196	7,412	784	10.6
Pacific.....	15,788	13,931	1,857	13.3
NEW ENGLAND:				
Maine.....	1,223	1,143	80	7.0
New Hampshire.....	753	604	149	24.7
Vermont.....	432	369	63	17.1
Massachusetts.....	3,383	3,227	356	11.0
Rhode Island.....	827	819	8	1.0
Connecticut.....	1,175	1,030	145	14.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:				
New York.....	4,443	4,137	306	7.4
New Jersey.....	1,854	2,082	-228	-11.0
Pennsylvania.....	7,542	6,893	649	9.4
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:				
Ohio.....	11,902	10,181	1,721	16.9
Indiana.....	7,403	7,110	293	4.1
Illinois.....	12,317	11,057	1,260	11.4
Michigan.....	8,692	7,570	1,122	14.8
Wisconsin.....	2,091	2,033	58	2.9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
Minnesota.....	2,729	2,587	142	5.5
Iowa.....	4,326	3,862	464	12.0
Missouri.....	9,115	8,344	771	9.2
North Dakota.....	430	336	94	28.0
South Dakota.....	586	560	26	4.6
Nebraska.....	2,077	2,280	-203	-8.9
Kansas.....	3,720	3,439	281	8.2
SOUTH ATLANTIC:				
Delaware.....	157	224	-67	-29.9
Maryland.....	1,605	1,426	179	12.6
District of Columbia.....	126	161	-35	-21.7
Virginia.....	2,763	2,413	350	14.5
West Virginia.....	1,921	1,467	454	30.9
North Carolina.....	1,504	1,317	187	14.2
South Carolina.....	1,828	1,833	-5	-.3
Florida.....	2,469	2,228	241	10.8
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Kentucky.....	4,381	4,041	340	8.4
Tennessee.....	4,505	3,901	604	15.5
Alabama.....	3,392	2,620	772	29.5
Mississippi.....	2,444	2,319	125	5.4
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Arkansas.....	3,774	4,038	-264	-6.5
Louisiana.....	2,106	1,727	379	21.9
Oklahoma.....	6,415	5,567	848	15.2
Texas.....	14,632	12,527	2,105	16.8
MOUNTAIN:				
Montana.....	1,273	1,206	67	5.6
Idaho.....	870	844	26	3.1
Wyoming.....	570	508	62	12.2
Colorado.....	2,278	2,075	203	9.8
New Mexico.....	513	473	40	8.5
Arizona.....	804	677	127	18.8
Utah.....	859	603	256	42.5
Nevada.....	1,029	1,026	3	.3
PACIFIC:				
Washington.....	3,513	2,182	1,331	61.0
Oregon.....	2,894	2,522	372	14.8
California.....	9,381	9,227	154	1.7

<sup>1</sup> Divorces granted for fiscal year Oct. 1, 1922, to Sept. 30, 1923.

<sup>2</sup> All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

<sup>3</sup> Includes estimated number of divorces (2) for Wilkinson County; records destroyed by fire.

<sup>4</sup> Includes estimated number of divorces (8) for Calhoun County; records destroyed by fire.



The number of divorces reported increased in each geographic division and in 42 of the 48 States which grant divorces. The percentage of increase ranged from 5.5 per cent in the Middle Atlantic to 14.3 per cent in the East South Central division, and from less than 1 per cent in Nevada to 61 per cent in Washington. The marked increase reported for Washington doubtless was due mainly to a change in the law. An amendment, made in 1921, provides that divorces shall not become effective until six months after an interlocutory decree is granted. As a result the number of final decrees granted in 1922—the first year after the amendment—was much smaller than otherwise it would have been, while the number granted in 1923 was not so affected.

The number of divorces reported decreased in each of five States and in the District of Columbia, the percentage of decrease being exceptionally large in Delaware (29.9) and in the District of Columbia (21.7).

In using the figures of Table 3, and in using the rates of Tables 5 and 6, based on the figures of Table 3, it must be remembered, of course, that the number of divorces reported for a State for a given year, and the divorce rate, are affected by the degree of completeness of the returns, and also by the extent to which the number of divorce cases decided during the year conforms with the number placed on the dockets of the courts during the year. Where the returns are incomplete, or where the courts do not decide as many cases during the year as are placed on their dockets, the number of divorces and the divorce rate reported are not correct measures of the extent to which couples are seeking divorce.

The number of divorces reported for each county for 1923 is shown in Table 25 (p. 42).

**Divorce rates.**—The real significance of changes in the number of divorces becomes evident only when these changes are compared with changes in the population. The following summary shows that for more than half a century prior to 1923 the growth of divorce in the United States was far greater than that of the population. The number of divorces per 100,000 persons in the total population and the number per 100,000 in the married population increased strikingly during this period, while there was a marked decrease both in the total number of persons to one divorce and in the number of married persons to one divorce. Even if liberal allowance be made for the more complete return of divorces for the more recent years and for possible defects in the estimates of population involved, the figures still would show an astounding and persistent increase in the divorce rate since 1870.

YEAR	NUMBER OF DIVORCES PER 100,000		Population to 1 divorce	Married population to 1 divorce <sup>1</sup>
	Total population	Married population <sup>1</sup>		
1923 <sup>2</sup>	149	360	670	277
1922 <sup>2</sup>	136	330	734	303
1916 <sup>2</sup>	113	281	884	356
1906 <sup>2</sup>	84	231	1,185	433
1900 <sup>3</sup>	73	200	1,363	500
1890 <sup>3</sup>	53	148	1,881	676
1880 <sup>3</sup>	39	107	2,551	935
1870 <sup>3</sup>	28	81	3,517	1,233

<sup>1</sup> For 1870 and for 1880 the married population was estimated, while for 1890 the married population of Indian Territory and Indian reservations specially enumerated was estimated.

<sup>2</sup> The figures for 1923 and 1922 are based upon estimated population, and those for 1916 and 1906 upon estimated population exclusive of population of counties for which divorce returns were lacking.

<sup>3</sup> The figures for the census years 1870, 1880, 1890, and 1900, respectively, are based upon the average annual number of divorces for the 5-year period of which the census year is the median.

Table 5 shows, by divisions and States, for 1923, for 1922, and for 1916, the number of divorces per 100,000 total population and the number per 100,000 married population. The population, in each case, was estimated, and for 1916 it was exclusive of counties for which divorce returns were lacking.

TABLE 5.—DIVORCE RATES, BASED ON TOTAL POPULATION AND ON MARRIED POPULATION, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916

[The populations on which rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF DIVORCES PER 100,000--					
	Total population			Married population		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
UNITED STATES.....	149	136	113	360	330	281
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:						
New England.....	104	94	81	253	231	201
Middle Atlantic.....	59	57	45	143	137	109
East North Central.....	187	170	142	430	392	335
West North Central.....	179	168	135	427	403	334
South Atlantic.....	85	77	59	218	198	156
East South Central.....	162	143	119	409	362	310
West South Central.....	250	225	183	626	566	477
Mountain.....	228	211	200	563	521	497
Pacific.....	260	235	220	583	530	517
NEW ENGLAND:						
Maine.....	157	148	93	367	344	217
New Hampshire.....	168	135	159	397	320	378
Vermont.....	123	105	120	286	245	276
Massachusetts.....	89	81	64	221	202	161
Rhode Island.....	132	132	107	329	330	272
Connecticut.....	80	71	75	192	172	184
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:						
New York.....	41	39	33	97	92	81
New Jersey.....	55	63	40	129	148	96
Pennsylvania.....	83	77	60	203	188	149
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Ohio.....	195	169	141	438	382	324
Indiana.....	246	238	199	541	526	450
Illinois.....	181	165	139	423	386	334
Michigan.....	219	195	159	496	443	366
Wisconsin.....	76	75	68	188	186	174
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Minnesota.....	109	105	86	280	270	231
Iowa.....	175	158	141	407	368	341
Missouri.....	265	243	173	605	559	413
North Dakota.....	64	51	77	179	141	218
South Dakota.....	89	86	95	228	221	250
Nebraska.....	156	172	133	374	416	331
Kansas.....	207	192	150	476	444	356
SOUTH ATLANTIC:						
Delaware.....	68	98	97	155	224	230
Maryland.....	107	96	72	256	231	180
District of Columbia.....	27	37	12	65	85	29
Virginia.....	115	102	90	300	266	243
West Virginia.....	124	96	67	314	244	174
North Carolina.....	56	50	30	153	137	85
South Carolina <sup>1</sup> .....						
Georgia.....	61	62	55	157	160	148
Florida.....	236	218	152	556	516	375
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Kentucky.....	178	165	130	437	407	331
Tennessee.....	188	164	127	466	408	326
Alabama.....	140	109	103	367	287	278
Mississippi.....	137	130	112	348	332	299
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Arkansas.....	208	225	224	515	560	578
Louisiana.....	114	94	82	293	244	223
Oklahoma.....	297	262	195	730	647	491
Texas.....	296	268	201	743	649	525
MOUNTAIN:						
Montana.....	208	203	305	507	497	775
Idaho.....	185	184	233	457	455	518
Wyoming.....	269	246	177	638	587	448
Colorado.....	230	213	122	542	502	292

<sup>1</sup> All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.



TABLE 5.—DIVORCE RATES, BASED ON TOTAL POPULATION AND ON MARRIED POPULATION, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916—Continued

[The populations on which rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF DIVORCES PER 100,000—					
	Total population			Married population		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
MOUNTAIN—Continued						
New Mexico.....	138	128	122	368	342	324
Arizona.....	211	184	213	531	465	549
Utah.....	180	129	157	470	337	420
Nevada.....	1,329	1,325	820	3,299	3,289	2,008
PACIFIC:						
Washington.....	245	155	270	551	350	643
Oregon.....	352	311	286	774	689	671
California.....	247	250	183	553	563	428

The number of divorces per 100,000 total population and the number per 100,000 married population were higher in each geographic division in 1923 than in 1922, and higher in 1922 than in 1916. On each basis, the Middle Atlantic division ranked lowest, in 1923, 1922, and 1916; and the Pacific division had the highest rates, except that in 1922 and again in 1923 the West South Central division ranked highest in number of divorces per 100,000 married population.

There are marked differences among the geographic divisions in the prevalence of divorce. Thus, in 1923, the divorce rates based on 100,000 total population varied from 59 in the Middle Atlantic to 260 in the Pacific division, while the divorce rates based on 100,000 married population varied from 143 in the Middle Atlantic to 626 in the West South Central division. Each rate was over four times as high in the highest as in the lowest ranking division; and similar wide variations existed among the divisions in 1922 and in 1916.

Of the 48 States which grant divorces, 40 showed an increase in 1923 as compared with 1922 in the divorce rate per 100,000 total population, and 40 an increase in the rate per 100,000 married population. In 1922, 38 of the 48 States showed an increase in each rate over that for 1916.

There is a much wider variation in divorce rates among the States than among geographic divisions. In 1923 the rate per 100,000 total population varied from 27 in the District of Columbia and 41 in New York to 1,329 in Nevada, while the rate per 100,000 married population varied from 65 in the District of Columbia and 97 in New York to 3,299 in Nevada; and there were similar wide variations among the States in 1922 and in 1916.

These wide variations in divorce rates among the different States doubtless result from a great variety of influences. Among these are differences in the color or race composition of the population; differences in the proportion of foreign born in the population, and in the countries from which they came; the relative strength of prevailing religions, particularly the strength of the Roman Catholic faith; interstate migration for the purpose of obtaining divorces; the variations in divorce laws and in the practice of courts granting divorces; and differences in the extent to which all divorces granted are reported to the Bureau of the Census.

For example, the very striking difference noted between the divorce rate in New York and that in Nevada, doubtless is explained largely by the differences in the divorce laws, and by the difference in the extent to which persons migrate

to these two places for the purpose of securing divorces. In 1923 absolute divorce could be granted in New York only for adultery, whereas in Nevada absolute divorce could be granted for any one of seven causes—impotency, adultery, desertion, conviction of felony or infamous crime, habitual drunkenness, extreme cruelty, and neglect of husband to provide. In New York, to maintain action for divorce, both parties must have been residents of the State when the offense was committed; or must have been married within the State; or the plaintiff must have been a resident when the offense was committed, and also when the action was commenced; or, when the offense was committed in the State, the plaintiff must have been a resident when the action was commenced. In Nevada, however, only six months' residence was necessary before bringing suit for divorce for a cause occurring outside the county. In New York, a decree of divorce did not become final until three months after entry of interlocutory judgment; and then the defendant could not marry again during the lifetime of the complainant, unless the court modified the judgment after three years on proof of good conduct. In Nevada, on the other hand, the decree was prompt and final, and either party might remarry at once. With these differences in law, it is evident that Nevada was far more attractive than New York to persons migrating for the purpose of securing divorce.

The ratios of total population to 1 divorce, and of married population to 1 divorce are shown, by divisions and States, for 1923, 1922, and 1916, in Table 6.

TABLE 6.—TOTAL POPULATION TO ONE DIVORCE, AND MARRIED POPULATION TO ONE DIVORCE, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916

[The populations on which rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	POPULATION TO 1 DIVORCE			MARRIED POPULATION TO 1 DIVORCE		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
UNITED STATES.....	670	734	884	277	303	356
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:						
New England.....	964	1,059	1,236	395	433	499
Middle Atlantic.....	1,685	1,756	2,243	702	729	915
East North Central.....	534	588	703	233	255	298
West North Central.....	560	597	743	234	248	300
South Atlantic.....	1,183	1,306	1,704	458	504	640
East South Central.....	616	700	843	244	276	323
West South Central.....	400	445	545	160	177	210
Mountain.....	438	475	499	178	192	201
Pacific.....	384	425	465	171	189	194
NEW ENGLAND:						
Maine.....	636	678	1,081	273	291	462
New Hampshire.....	594	739	628	252	313	265
Vermont.....	816	955	835	349	409	362
Massachusetts.....	1,124	1,233	1,574	452	494	621
Rhode Island.....	758	757	934	304	303	367
Connecticut.....	1,257	1,407	1,337	520	581	543
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:						
New York.....	2,441	2,589	3,012	1,028	1,087	1,236
New Jersey.....	1,823	1,592	2,509	773	674	1,044
Pennsylvania.....	1,207	1,304	1,675	492	531	673
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Ohio.....	514	591	710	228	262	308
Indiana.....	407	420	502	185	190	222
Illinois.....	551	606	722	237	259	300
Michigan.....	458	514	631	202	226	273
Wisconsin.....	1,310	1,332	1,467	531	537	574
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Minnesota.....	916	954	1,163	358	370	433
Iowa.....	571	634	707	246	272	294
Missouri.....	378	411	577	165	179	242
North Dakota.....	1,563	1,979	1,301	560	708	459
South Dakota.....	1,119	1,161	1,056	438	453	400
Nebraska.....	642	580	752	267	241	303
Kansas.....	483	520	665	210	225	281



TABLE 6.—TOTAL POPULATION TO ONE DIVORCE, AND MARRIED POPULATION TO ONE DIVORCE, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916—Con.

[The populations on which rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	POPULATION TO 1 DIVORCE			MARRIED POPULATION TO 1 DIVORCE		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC:</b>						
Delaware.....	1,468	1,019	1,026	646	446	435
Maryland.....	938	1,044	1,390	391	433	555
District of Columbia.....	3,778	2,718	8,493	1,542	1,177	3,411
Virginia.....	868	983	1,113	333	376	411
West Virginia.....	807	1,040	1,490	318	409	576
North Carolina.....	1,786	2,012	3,284	652	733	1,173
South Carolina <sup>1</sup> .....						
Georgia.....	1,641	1,620	1,804	637	626	678
Florida.....	424	460	656	180	194	267
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>						
Kentucky.....	562	606	767	229	246	302
Tennessee.....	531	609	787	215	245	306
Alabama.....	715	917	969	272	348	360
Mississippi.....	733	772	893	287	301	335
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>						
Arkansas.....	481	445	446	194	179	173
Louisiana.....	878	1,063	1,218	341	410	449
Oklahoma.....	337	382	513	137	155	204
Texas.....	338	388	496	135	154	191
<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>						
Montana.....	480	492	328	197	201	129
Idaho.....	540	544	429	219	220	193
Wyoming.....	372	407	565	157	170	223
Colorado.....	435	470	819	185	199	342
New Mexico.....	726	780	818	272	293	309
Arizona.....	474	543	469	188	215	182
Utah.....	555	778	638	213	297	238
Nevada.....	75	75	122	30	30	50
<b>PACIFIC:</b>						
Washington.....	408	647	371	182	286	155
Oregon.....	284	322	350	129	145	149
California.....	406	401	547	181	178	234

<sup>1</sup> All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

Table 6 shows in another form the same general facts as to the trend of divorce in the respective divisions and States as shown by Table 5. Thus, both the rates showing the total population to 1 divorce and the married population to 1 divorce were lower in 1923 than in 1922 in each geographic division and in 39 of the 48 States which grant divorces, and lower in 1922 than in 1916 in each geographic division and in 36 of the 48 States. Likewise, Table 6 shows the same marked variation among the geographic divisions and among the States in the prevalence of divorce as is shown by Table 5. In 1923 the total population to 1 divorce ranged from 384 in the Pacific to 1,685 in the Middle Atlantic division and from 75 in Nevada to 2,441 in New York and to 3,778 in the District of Columbia, while the married population to 1 divorce ranged from 160 in the West South Central to 702 in the Middle Atlantic division and from 30 in Nevada to 1,028 in New York and to 1,542 in the District of Columbia.

**Detailed statistics of divorce.**—Of the 165,226 divorces reported for 1923, there are 617 cases, distributed among 35 counties, in 15 different States, regarding which no detailed statistics were furnished; in other words, there were 35 counties for which the county or court clerk made a statement as to the number of divorces granted during the year, but failed to fill out and return the detailed schedule of inquiries, for a total of 617 divorces. More than one-fourth of these, however, are contained in a single State and more than one-half of them in 4 counties, as is shown by the statement following.

## DIVORCES REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILED STATISTICS

STATE AND COUNTY	Number of divorces	STATE AND COUNTY	Number of divorces	STATE AND COUNTY	Number of divorces
Total	617	Florida:		Mississippi:	
Arkansas:		Alachua	35	Holmes	34
Ashley	*9	Franklin	3	Missouri:	
Baxter	*11	Nassau	7	Schuyler	8
Columbia	*15	St. Lucie	18	Wayne	10
Drew	*9	Sarasota	2	New York:	
Lonoke	*41	Georgia:		Cortland	17
Newton	*2	Calhoun	5	North Carolina:	
California:		Early	6	Surry	7
Imperial	*10	Jackson	5	North Dakota:	
San Bernardino	124	Lumpkin	2	Renville	5
Tuolumne	27	Macon	3	South Dakota:	
Colorado:		Telfair	11	Bennett	5
Alamosa	10	Toombs	9	Tennessee:	
Conejos	2	Wilkinson	2	Tipton	*51
		Indiana:		West Virginia:	
		La Porte	93	Jackson	17
		Kentucky:			
		Boone	2		

\*This represents only part of the total divorces for this county. See Table 25.

The number of divorces, therefore, for which detailed statistics are available for the year 1923 is 164,609.

**Party to which granted.**—The number and proportion of divorces granted to the husband and to the wife in 1923, in comparison with earlier years and periods, are shown in Table 7.

Table 7

YEAR	DIVORCES				
	Total number	Granted to husband		Granted to wife	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
1923	<sup>1</sup> 164,609	53,027	32.2	111,582	67.8
1922	<sup>2</sup> 147,775	47,359	32.0	100,416	68.0
1916	<sup>3</sup> 108,702	33,809	31.1	74,893	68.9
1906	72,062	23,455	32.5	48,607	67.5
1896	42,937	14,448	33.6	28,489	66.4
1887 to 1906	945,625	316,149	33.4	629,476	66.6
1897 to 1906	593,362	195,547	33.0	397,815	67.0
1887 to 1896	352,263	120,602	34.2	231,661	65.8

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of 1,040 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of 3,334 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

The preceding table shows that during the 37 years from 1887 to 1923 there was no great change in the proportion of divorces granted to the husband and to the wife. In general, throughout this period, somewhat less than one-third of the divorces were granted to the husband and somewhat over two-thirds were granted to the wife. Thus, wives obtained over twice as many divorces as did husbands.

The much larger proportion of divorces granted to the wife doubtless is due in part to the fact that the wife has a legal ground for divorce more frequently than has the husband. For example, nonsupport or neglect to provide—a common legal cause for divorce on the part of the wife—is not a legal cause for divorce on the part of the husband, except in the State of Utah. And, although the law may make no distinction between the parties, there are certain comparatively common grounds for divorce which are more readily applicable against



the husband than against the wife. Thus, cruelty is a much more common ground for divorce on the part of the wife than on part of the husband.

**Causes of divorce.**—The classification of the causes of divorce for 1923 conforms to that used in the reports of the four previous investigations. According to this classification, the causes reported in detail on the divorce schedules are grouped under a few broad heads, as follows:

1. *Adultery.*—Includes this cause only.
2. *Cruelty.*—Includes cruelty, extreme cruelty, repeated cruelty, intolerable cruelty, intolerable severity, cruel and abusive treatment, cruel and inhuman treatment, cruel and barbarous treatment, attempt to take life, indignities rendering life intolerable, excesses and outrages, treatment endangering reason, treatment injuring health, violence endangering life, etc.
3. *Desertion.*—Includes abandonment, absence for a period of years, willful desertion, utter desertion, etc.
4. *Drunkenness.*—Includes habitual or continued drunkenness, habitual or continued intemperance, habitual or continued intoxication, habitual use of opium, morphine, chloral, or other like drugs, etc.
5. *Neglect to provide.*—Includes nonsupport, willful neglect, refusal to provide, failure to provide, etc.
6. *Combinations of preceding causes.*—Includes a combination of two or more classified causes, or of one or more classified causes with some minor cause or causes.
7. *All other causes.*—Includes, whether occurring separately or in combination, conviction of felony, impotency, insanity, imprisonment in penitentiary, incompatibility of temper, mental incapacity, pregnancy before marriage, voluntary separation, other minor causes not here enumerated, and unknown causes.

The distribution of divorces according to these classified causes is given for 1923 in Table 8.

CAUSE	DIVORCES, DISTRIBUTED BY CAUSE: 1923					
	Total		Granted to husband		Granted to wife	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
All causes .....	164,609	100.0	53,027	100.0	111,582	100.0
Adultery .....	17,268	10.5	8,522	16.1	8,746	7.8
Cruelty .....	58,178	35.3	13,556	25.6	44,622	40.0
Desertion .....	54,608	33.2	23,907	45.1	30,701	27.5
Drunkenness .....	2,139	1.3	231	.4	1,908	1.7
Neglect to provide .....	6,649	4.0			6,649	6.0
Combinations of preceding causes <sup>1</sup> .....	12,563	7.6	1,875	3.5	10,688	9.6
All other causes <sup>2</sup> .....	13,204	8.0	4,936	9.3	8,268	7.4

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>2</sup> See explanatory text above.

<sup>3</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

The statistics relating to the cause of divorce, presented in Table 8, are based upon the legal cause as ascertained from the court records. The legal cause shown by the court records may or may not, of course, be the true cause underlying the action for divorce. Frequently, also, more than one cause is alleged in the petition for divorce, and it is not possible to determine from the divorce papers the precise cause for which the divorce actually was granted. Table 8 shows that in 1923 divorces granted for a combination of classified causes, or of one or more classified causes with some minor cause or causes, constituted 7.6

per cent of all divorces, 3.5 per cent of those granted to the husband and 9.6 per cent of those granted to the wife. In addition, there were divorces granted for combinations of minor causes. These are reported under "All other causes."

The 13,204 divorces classified, in Table 8, under "All other causes" are distributed by cause in the following statement:

CAUSE	Number	CAUSE	Number
"All other causes," total.....	13,204	Fraud.....	180
Gross neglect of duty.....	18,627	Impotency.....	129
Separation.....	573	Lewd and lascivious behavior.....	107
Conviction of felony.....	464	Under age.....	104
Imprisonment in penitentiary.....	346	Other specified causes <sup>2</sup> .....	1,125
Bigamy.....	242	Cause not returned.....	1,307

<sup>1</sup> Of these, 656 were in Kansas, 6,380 in Ohio, 1,394 in Oklahoma, and 197 in other States.

<sup>2</sup> Includes 190 different causes or combinations of minor causes.

Comparison is made in Table 9 of the percentages for 1923, presented in Table 8, with those for the years 1922, 1916, 1906, and 1896, for the 20-year period 1887-1906, and for the 10-year periods 1897-1906 and 1887-1896.

Table 9

CAUSE	PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF DIVORCES BY CAUSE							
	1923	1922	1916	1906	1896	1887 to 1906	1897 to 1906	1887 to 1896
TOTAL								
All causes.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery.....	10.5	10.9	11.5	15.3	16.6	16.3	15.5	17.5
Cruelty.....	35.3	34.5	28.3	24.3	21.3	21.8	23.0	19.8
Desertion.....	33.2	32.8	36.8	38.0	38.9	38.9	38.7	39.1
Drunkenness.....	1.3	1.0	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9
Neglect to provide.....	4.0	4.2	4.7	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.3
Combinations of preceding causes <sup>1</sup> .....	7.6	8.7	8.6	8.9	9.5	9.4	9.0	10.0
All other causes <sup>2</sup> .....	8.0	7.8	6.8	5.8	6.4	6.1	6.0	6.4
GRANTED TO HUSBAND								
All causes.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery.....	16.1	17.6	20.3	27.2	29.0	28.7	27.5	30.8
Cruelty.....	25.6	25.0	17.4	13.3	9.9	10.5	11.8	8.4
Desertion.....	45.1	44.3	50.0	49.1	49.2	49.4	49.8	48.9
Drunkenness.....	.4	.3	.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Neglect to provide.....					( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Combinations of preceding causes <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.8
All other causes <sup>2</sup> .....	9.3	8.3	7.2	5.2	6.1	5.7	5.5	6.0
GRANTED TO WIFE								
All causes.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery.....	7.8	7.7	7.5	9.6	10.3	10.0	9.6	10.6
Cruelty.....	40.0	39.0	33.2	29.6	27.0	27.5	28.5	25.8
Desertion.....	27.5	27.4	30.8	32.7	33.7	33.6	33.3	34.0
Drunkenness.....	1.7	1.4	4.5	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.3
Neglect to provide.....	6.0	6.2	6.9	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.8	4.9
Combinations of preceding causes <sup>1</sup> .....	9.6	10.6	10.5	11.1	11.8	11.8	11.3	12.7
All other causes <sup>2</sup> .....	7.4	7.6	6.5	6.1	6.6	6.4	6.2	6.6

<sup>1</sup> See explanatory text, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Includes cause unknown (see above).

<sup>3</sup> Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.



Table 9 shows, in general, a decrease in the proportion of divorces granted for adultery, desertion, and drunkenness and an increase in the proportion granted for cruelty and neglect to provide. The increase in the proportion granted for cruelty has been especially large in recent years, while the proportion granted for drunkenness decreased strikingly from 1916 to 1922, and then increased somewhat during 1923.

The increase in the number of divorces in 1923 over the number in 1922 is shown, by cause, in Table 10. Omitting drunkenness, for which cause, as shown by Table 9, but a small proportion of divorces were granted, cruelty shows the largest percentage of increase of any of the specified causes given and desertion the next largest. In the case of divorces granted to the wife, however, the percentage increase is larger in divorces granted for adultery than in divorces granted for desertion.

CAUSE	DIVORCES		INCREASE: <sup>1</sup> 1922 TO 1923	
	1923	1922	Number	Per cent
TOTAL				
All causes .....	<sup>2</sup> 164,609	<sup>3</sup> 147,775	16,834	11.4
Adultery .....	17,268	16,053	1,215	7.6
Cruelty .....	58,178	51,030	7,148	14.0
Desertion .....	54,608	48,507	6,101	12.6
Drunkenness .....	2,139	1,536	603	39.3
Neglect to provide .....	6,649	6,212	437	7.0
Combinations of preceding causes <sup>4</sup> .....	12,563	12,849	-286	-2.2
All other causes <sup>5</sup> .....	13,204	11,588	1,616	13.9
GRANTED TO HUSBAND				
All causes .....	53,027	47,359	5,668	12.0
Adultery .....	8,522	8,333	189	2.3
Cruelty .....	13,556	11,818	1,738	14.7
Desertion .....	23,907	20,979	2,928	14.0
Drunkenness .....	231	120	111	92.5
Neglect to provide .....	1,875	2,182	-307	-14.1
Combinations of preceding causes <sup>4</sup> .....	4,936	3,927	1,009	25.7
All other causes <sup>5</sup> .....				
GRANTED TO WIFE				
All causes .....	111,582	100,416	11,166	11.1
Adultery .....	8,746	7,720	1,026	13.3
Cruelty .....	44,622	39,212	5,410	13.8
Desertion .....	30,701	27,528	3,173	11.5
Drunkenness .....	1,908	1,416	492	34.7
Neglect to provide .....	6,649	6,212	437	7.0
Combinations of preceding causes <sup>4</sup> .....	10,688	10,667	21	.2
All other causes <sup>5</sup> .....	8,268	7,661	607	7.9

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of 1,040 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>4</sup> See explanatory text, p. 17.

<sup>5</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

In Table 11, the proportion of divorces granted, respectively, to the husband and to the wife for each specified cause is shown for 1923, in comparison with similar proportions for the years 1922, 1916, 1906, and 1896, and the 20-year period 1887-1906, of which 1896 was the median.

Of divorces granted for adultery, the proportion granted to the husband has decreased gradually, while of divorces granted for cruelty—and in recent years of divorces granted for desertion—the reverse is true.

Table 11

CAUSE	PER CENT OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO—											
	Hus- band	Wife	Hus- band	Wife	Hus- band	Wife	Hus- band	Wife	Hus- band	Wife	Hus- band	Wife
	1923		1922		1916		1906		1896		1887-1906	
All causes.....	32.2	67.8	32.0	68.0	31.1	68.9	32.5	67.5	33.6	66.4	33.4	66.6
Adultery.....	49.4	50.6	51.9	48.1	54.9	45.1	57.9	42.1	58.9	41.1	59.1	40.9
Cruelty.....	23.3	76.7	23.2	76.8	19.2	80.8	17.9	82.1	15.6	84.4	16.1	83.9
Desertion.....	43.8	56.2	43.2	56.8	42.3	57.7	42.0	58.0	42.5	57.5	42.5	57.5
Drunkenness.....	10.8	89.2	7.8	92.2	7.4	92.6	8.2	91.8	9.6	90.4	9.4	90.6
Neglect to provide.....		100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0	.1	99.9	(1)	100.0
Combinations of preced- ing causes <sup>2</sup> .....	14.9	85.1	17.0	83.0	15.4	84.6	15.6	84.4	17.2	82.8	16.1	83.9
All other causes <sup>3</sup> .....	37.4	62.6	33.9	66.1	33.3	66.7	29.1	70.9	31.8	68.2	31.0	69.0

<sup>1</sup> Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

<sup>2</sup> See explanatory text, p. 17.

<sup>3</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

The number of divorces granted in 1923 to the husband and to the wife, respectively, is distributed by cause for divisions and States in Table 21 (p. 32). A percentage distribution by cause, of divorces granted to each party is presented for divisions and States in Table 22 (p. 35).

**Contested cases.**—The number and percentage of contested divorce cases in 1923, with comparative percentages for 1922 and for 1916, are shown by cause of divorce and party to which granted in Table 12.

Of the divorces granted in 1923, only 13.4 per cent were contested; and in many of these cases the contesting may not have gone beyond the filing of an answer in order to expedite the suit. Except for divorces granted on the ground of adultery, the wife contested divorce suits in 1923 more frequently than the husband. The cases most frequently contested were those for cruelty, and the ones least frequently contested were those for desertion.



Table 12

## DIVORCES DISTRIBUTED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT CONTESTED

CAUSE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	1923							1922		1916	
	Total number <sup>1</sup>	Contested		Uncontested		Unknown as to contest		Per cent distribution		Per cent distribution	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Contested	Uncontested	Contested	Uncontested
All causes:											
Husband.....	53,027	6,653	12.5	44,646	84.2	1,728	3.3	14.1	81.4	13.7	86.3
Wife.....	111,582	15,375	13.8	92,752	83.1	3,455	3.1	14.0	81.0	13.5	86.5
Adultery:											
Husband.....	8,522	931	10.9	7,223	84.8	368	4.3	11.9	83.5	13.3	86.7
Wife.....	8,746	1,178	13.5	7,272	83.1	296	3.4	15.5	80.1	15.3	84.7
Cruelty:											
Husband.....	13,556	2,794	20.6	10,527	77.7	235	1.7	21.5	73.9	24.6	75.4
Wife.....	44,622	8,329	18.7	35,262	79.0	1,031	2.3	18.6	74.6	20.2	79.8
Desertion:											
Husband.....	23,907	1,971	8.2	20,978	87.7	958	4.0	9.4	85.8	9.3	90.7
Wife.....	30,701	2,345	7.6	26,885	87.6	1,471	4.8	8.6	86.8	6.5	93.5
Drunkenness:											
Husband.....	231	39	16.9	189	81.8	3	1.3	14.2	81.7	13.3	86.7
Wife.....	1,908	287	15.0	1,589	83.3	32	1.7	16.0	78.6	11.7	88.3
Neglect to provide:											
Husband.....											
Wife.....	6,649	936	14.1	5,577	83.9	136	2.0	15.7	82.7	13.4	86.6
Combinations of preceding causes: <sup>2</sup>											
Husband.....	1,875	289	15.4	1,537	82.0	49	2.6	18.8	78.6	15.6	84.4
Wife.....	10,688	1,326	12.4	9,112	85.3	250	2.3	10.9	86.0	13.1	86.9
All other causes: <sup>3</sup>											
Husband.....	4,936	629	12.7	4,192	84.9	115	2.3	19.0	78.0	17.9	82.1
Wife.....	8,268	974	11.8	7,055	85.3	239	2.9	11.3	85.0	12.9	87.1

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>2</sup> See explanatory text, p. 17.

<sup>3</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

Table 21 (p. 32) shows for divisions and States the number of divorces, by cause, granted to the husband and to the wife, respectively, distributed for the total number according to whether the cases were contested. The table shows that for South Dakota, for which the divorce returns were secured from State records, no statement was made as to the number of divorce cases which were contested; and from Iowa and Virginia only partial statements in this respect were furnished.

**Duration of marriage.**—The classification of divorces by the number of years the marriages had endured, as presented in this report, requires explanation. For the marriages dissolved by divorce in 1923, and in 1922, the duration of marriage is stated in completed years of married life. Thus, "1 year" includes all marriages that had endured one full year but less than two years; "2 years" includes all marriages that had endured two full years but less than three years, etc.

Except for the marriages that had endured "less than 1 year," and those that had endured "1 year," the duration of marriage, as presented for the period 1887 to 1906 and for the period 1867 to 1886, was obtained by subtracting the year of marriage from the year of divorce. As stated in a former report, this method—

"\* \* \* ignores the month and day of marriage and of divorce, and does not, therefore, classify the divorced couples on the basis of the exact length of time that the marriage lasted. \* \* \* It includes under any given year (except the first) a portion (perhaps as great as one-half) of the couples that on the basis

of the exact length of time married belong in the next year below, and excludes and classifies in the next year above a portion (perhaps equally great) of the couples that on the other basis belong in the given year. Thus the differences largely offset each other, so that the two classifications are not so divergent as they might at first seem to be."

In the case of marriages that had endured "Less than 1 year," the number was determined for the investigation for the period 1887 to 1906 on the basis of the exact length of time married. As to this class, therefore, the classification was the same for the investigation for the period 1887 to 1906 as for the investigation for the year 1922 and that for the year 1923.

In the case of marriages reported as having endured "1 year," the number reported for the period 1887 to 1906 included marriages that had endured one year, or twelve months, but had not extended beyond the calendar year following that in which they were celebrated. Since this class did not include all the marriages that had endured one full year but less than two years, it was somewhat narrower in scope than the "1 year" class for the investigation for 1922 and that for 1923.

For the investigation for the 20-year period, 1867 to 1886, the two classes—"Less than 1 year" and "1 year"—were combined.

For each of the classes above "1 year," probably the classification was not sufficiently different for the different investigations to affect materially the comparability of the statistics.

The following table for the United States gives for each of four Federal investigations a number and percentage distribution of divorces according to the number of years the couples had been married. Corresponding figures for the investigation for 1916 are not available:

Table 13

DIVORCES, EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE FOR WHICH THE DURATION OF MARRIAGE WAS UNKNOWN, DISTRIBUTED BY NUMBER OF YEARS THE COUPLES HAD BEEN MARRIED

NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED	1923		1922		1887 to 1906		1867 to 1886	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	156,842	100.0	141,110	100.0	900,584	100.0	304,726	100.0
Less than 1 year.....	7,012	4.5	6,445	4.6	18,876	2.1	15,622	5.1
1 year.....	11,693	7.5	12,126	8.6	27,763	3.1		
2 years.....	14,694	9.4	14,220	10.1	61,481	6.8		
3 years.....	15,879	10.1	12,269	8.7	73,052	8.1		
4 years.....	12,613	8.0	11,190	7.9	73,913	8.2		
5 years.....	11,224	7.2	9,660	6.8	68,770	7.6	25,599	8.4
6 years.....	9,920	6.3	7,992	5.7	62,666	7.0	23,082	7.6
7 years.....	8,003	5.1	6,964	4.9	56,417	6.3	20,227	6.6
8 years.....	6,822	4.3	6,666	4.7	50,654	5.6	17,680	5.8
9 years.....	6,589	4.2	6,107	4.3	44,397	4.9	15,088	5.0
10 years.....	6,179	3.9	5,434	3.9	40,730	4.5	13,843	4.5
11 years.....	5,153	3.3	4,728	3.4	36,369	4.0	11,847	3.9
12 years.....	4,604	2.9	4,082	2.9	31,971	3.6	10,698	3.5
13 years.....	4,080	2.6	3,559	2.5	28,260	3.1	9,296	3.1
14 years.....	3,397	2.2	3,259	2.3	25,077	2.8	8,002	2.6
15 years.....	3,227	2.1	3,125	2.2	22,979	2.6	7,218	2.4
16 years.....	3,035	1.9	2,625	1.9	20,025	2.2	6,362	2.1
17 years.....	2,645	1.7	2,319	1.6	17,901	2.0	5,380	1.8
18 years.....	2,369	1.5	2,084	1.5	16,018	1.8	4,649	1.5
19 years.....	2,063	1.3	1,974	1.4	14,253	1.6	4,125	1.4
20 years.....	1,980	1.3	1,796	1.3	13,864	1.5	3,933	1.3
21 years and over.....	13,661	8.7	12,486	8.8	95,148	10.6	25,371	8.3



Table 13 shows a large increase in 1923, and in 1922, over the period 1887 to 1906 in the proportion of divorces where the marriage had endured "Less than 1 year," "1 year," "2 years," and "3 years," respectively, with a decrease in the proportion of divorces where the marriages had endured for longer periods.

As stated in former reports, death and divorce make the number of existing marriages in each successive class, in respect to duration, smaller than it was in the preceding class. Hence, if the tendency to divorce were the same at all times in married life, the number of divorces in each successive class in respect to duration would nevertheless be smaller than in the preceding class.

It should be remembered, also, that in this country the actual number of marriages celebrated is increasing each year with the increase of population, and thus, independent of the action of death and divorce, on any given date the number of marriages of shorter duration would exceed the number of longer duration. This constant increase in the number of marriages celebrated seriously modifies the use which can be made of the figures presented for the duration of marriage as an index of the time at which divorce is most likely to occur in the history of any given marriage, as it exaggerates the apparent probability of divorce in the early years of married life and understates the probability in later years.

The following table gives a number and per cent distribution, by number of years married, of the divorces granted to the husband and of those granted to the wife in 1923:

Table 14	DIVORCES, EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE FOR WHICH THE DURATION OF MARRIAGE WAS UNKNOWN, DISTRIBUTED BY NUMBER OF YEARS THE COUPLES HAD BEEN MARRIED: 1923			
	NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED			
			Granted to husband	Granted to wife
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	49,942	100.0	106,900	100.0
Less than 1 year.....	2,226	4.5	4,786	4.5
1 year.....	3,571	7.2	8,122	7.6
2 years.....	4,436	8.9	10,258	9.6
3 years.....	4,856	9.7	11,023	10.3
4 years.....	4,092	8.2	8,521	8.0
5 years.....	3,664	7.3	7,560	7.1
6 years.....	3,133	6.3	6,787	6.3
7 years.....	2,630	5.3	5,373	5.0
8 years.....	2,161	4.3	4,661	4.4
9 years.....	2,209	4.4	4,380	4.1
10 years.....	2,007	4.0	4,172	3.9
11 years.....	1,697	3.4	3,456	3.2
12 years.....	1,499	3.0	3,105	2.9
13 years.....	1,280	2.6	2,800	2.6
14 years.....	1,060	2.1	2,337	2.2
15 years.....	1,055	2.1	2,172	2.0
16 years.....	922	1.8	2,113	2.0
17 years.....	864	1.7	1,781	1.7
18 years.....	722	1.4	1,647	1.5
19 years.....	641	1.3	1,422	1.3
20 years.....	656	1.3	1,324	1.2
21 years and over.....	4,561	9.1	9,100	8.5

The above table shows a marked similarity in the percentage distribution, by number of years married, of divorces granted to the husband, and those granted to the wife.

Table 15 gives a percentage distribution, by duration of marriage, of the divorces granted in 1923 for each specified cause.

TABLE 15.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE, OF THE DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1923 FOR EACH SPECIFIED CAUSE

[Figures are exclusive of those for which the duration of marriage was unknown]

NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED	PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, BY NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED, OF DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1923 FOR—							
	All causes	Adultery	Cruelty	Deser-tion	Drunk- enness	Neglect to provide	Combi- nations of pre- ceding causes <sup>1</sup>	All other causes <sup>2</sup>
TOTAL								
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 year.....	4.5	4.8	7.0	1.2	3.2	3.0	3.9	8.1
1 year.....	7.5	7.2	10.5	3.7	4.1	7.3	6.9	11.0
2 years.....	9.4	8.7	11.0	7.3	8.8	11.3	8.8	11.2
3 years.....	10.1	9.3	10.4	9.7	8.7	11.8	10.5	10.5
4 years.....	8.0	7.8	7.5	8.7	7.1	9.2	8.4	7.2
5 to 9 years.....	27.1	29.7	24.6	29.9	24.5	26.9	27.4	23.5
10 to 14 years.....	14.9	16.0	13.2	16.9	18.4	13.4	15.4	12.7
15 to 19 years.....	8.5	8.9	7.5	9.7	12.2	7.5	8.7	7.2
20 years and over.....	10.0	7.5	8.2	12.8	12.9	9.7	10.2	8.5
GRANTED TO HUSBAND								
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-----	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 year.....	4.5	5.2	8.3	1.1	2.3	-----	5.1	8.9
1 year.....	7.2	7.5	11.8	3.5	5.4	-----	7.6	11.3
2 years.....	8.9	9.0	11.1	7.5	11.8	-----	8.4	9.6
3 years.....	9.7	9.3	10.2	9.6	8.1	-----	8.9	10.2
4 years.....	8.2	8.6	7.4	8.8	7.7	-----	9.0	6.3
5 to 9 years.....	27.6	30.4	23.6	29.6	26.2	-----	27.9	24.2
10 to 14 years.....	15.1	15.6	12.3	17.0	18.1	-----	14.7	12.7
15 to 19 years.....	8.4	8.1	6.8	9.6	10.4	-----	8.5	7.4
20 years and over.....	10.4	6.2	8.6	13.3	10.0	-----	9.9	9.3
GRANTED TO WIFE								
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 year.....	4.5	4.4	6.6	1.3	3.3	3.0	3.6	7.7
1 year.....	7.6	7.0	10.1	3.9	4.0	7.3	6.7	10.7
2 years.....	9.6	8.5	10.9	7.3	8.5	11.3	8.8	12.2
3 years.....	10.3	9.2	10.5	9.9	8.8	11.8	10.8	10.7
4 years.....	8.0	7.0	7.5	8.6	7.0	9.2	8.3	7.7
5 to 9 years.....	26.9	29.1	25.0	30.1	24.3	26.9	27.3	23.1
10 to 14 years.....	14.8	16.4	13.5	16.8	18.4	13.4	15.5	12.6
15 to 19 years.....	8.5	9.7	7.7	9.7	12.4	7.5	8.7	7.1
20 years and over.....	9.8	8.7	8.1	12.4	13.3	9.7	10.2	8.1

<sup>1</sup> See explanatory text, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

Two-thirds of all divorces granted in 1923 were granted to couples who had been married less than 10 years. To such couples were granted 67.5 per cent of the divorces for adultery, 71 per cent of those for cruelty, 60.5 per cent of those for desertion, 56.4 per cent of those for drunkenness, and 69.5 per cent of those for neglect to provide.

According to Table 15, of divorces granted to the husband, the proportion for adultery on the part of the wife—as compared with the proportion for all causes—is somewhat high during the early years of married life; the proportion granted for cruelty is high during the first three years; the proportion for deser-



tion is low during the first three years but high afterwards; and the proportion for drunkenness is high from the tenth to the nineteenth year. Of the divorces granted to the wife, the proportion granted for adultery on the part of the husband—as compared with the proportion for all causes—is low during the first four years but is high from the fifth to the nineteenth year; the proportion granted for cruelty is high during the first three years and low afterwards; the proportion for desertion is low during the first three years and high afterwards; the proportion for drunkenness is low during the first nine years and high afterwards; and the proportion for neglect to provide is high during the second, third, and fourth years.

The fact that a considerably smaller proportion of the divorces granted for desertion than of the total divorces were granted during the first three years of married life is largely because, to be a legal cause for divorce, desertion usually must have existed from one to three years.

Table 16 gives a percentage distribution, by cause, of the divorces granted in 1923 to couples married each specified number of years, exclusive of those cases for which the duration of marriage was unknown.

CAUSE	PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, BY CAUSE, OF DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1923 TO COUPLES MARRIED—									
	Total	Less than 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 14 years	15 to 19 years	20 years and over
TOTAL										
All causes.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery.....	10.5	11.1	10.1	9.7	9.5	10.0	11.4	11.1	10.9	7.8
Cruelty.....	35.3	55.7	50.3	41.8	36.7	33.3	32.4	31.5	31.4	29.5
Desertion.....	33.2	9.0	16.6	26.0	31.9	35.8	36.5	37.5	37.7	42.5
Drunkenness.....	1.3	1.0	.7	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.9	1.7
Neglect to provide.....	4.0	2.8	4.1	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.1	3.7	3.7	4.1
Combinations of preceding causes <sup>1</sup> .....	7.6	6.8	7.3	7.4	8.2	8.2	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.0
All other causes <sup>2</sup> .....	8.0	13.5	11.0	8.9	7.7	6.7	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.4
GRANTED TO HUSBAND										
All causes.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery.....	16.1	18.6	16.7	16.3	15.4	16.7	17.6	16.5	15.4	9.5
Cruelty.....	25.6	48.3	42.8	32.2	27.1	23.4	22.0	21.0	20.8	21.2
Desertion.....	45.1	11.5	22.4	38.1	44.8	48.7	48.6	51.1	51.9	57.6
Drunkenness.....	.4	.2	.3	.6	.4	.4	.4	.5	.5	.4
Neglect to provide.....										
Combinations of preceding causes <sup>1</sup> .....	3.5	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.4	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.5
All other causes <sup>2</sup> .....	9.3	17.3	13.7	9.4	9.1	6.7	7.6	7.3	7.7	7.7
GRANTED TO WIFE										
All causes.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery.....	7.8	7.7	7.1	6.8	6.9	6.8	8.4	8.6	8.8	6.9
Cruelty.....	40.0	59.2	53.6	45.9	40.9	38.0	37.3	36.5	36.3	33.6
Desertion.....	27.5	7.9	14.0	20.8	26.2	29.6	30.7	31.1	31.2	35.0
Drunkenness.....	1.7	1.3	.9	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.5	2.4
Neglect to provide.....	6.0	4.1	5.8	7.2	7.0	7.1	6.1	5.5	5.4	6.1
Combinations of preceding causes <sup>1</sup> .....	9.6	8.0	8.7	9.1	10.3	10.2	10.0	10.3	10.0	10.3
All other causes <sup>2</sup> .....	7.4	11.8	9.7	8.8	7.1	6.7	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7

<sup>1</sup> See explanatory text, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

The percentages of Table 16 indicate that during the first 10 years of married life the proportion of divorces granted for adultery is over twice as large, and during the second 10 years almost twice as large, in the case of divorces granted to the husband as in the case of divorces granted to the wife. But, as stated in former reports, the difference may be attributed to the probability that the offense when committed by the wife is less likely to be condoned and perhaps more likely to be discovered.

The most prominent causes for divorce in 1923 were cruelty and desertion. Throughout the first 20 years of married life 60 per cent or over of the divorces granted to the husband and to the wife, respectively, were for these two causes; and from the twentieth year of married life onward over three-fourths of the divorces granted to the husband and over two-thirds of those granted to the wife were for these two causes. Of the divorces granted to the husband, the proportion granted for desertion was much larger than the proportion granted for cruelty, except where the marriage had endured less than 2 years. Of the divorces granted to the wife, however, the proportion granted for cruelty was much larger, throughout the first 20 years of married life, than the proportion granted for desertion.

As already stated (p. 25), the comparatively low proportion desertion constitutes of all causes for divorce during the first two years of married life is explained by the fact that ordinarily desertion is not recognized as a legal cause for divorce until it has existed from one to three years.

Statistics relating to the duration of marriage are presented for divisions and States in Table 23 (p. 36).

**Condition as to children.**—The statistics as to children refer only to children affected by the decree, that is, to dependent children without regard to the number by the marriage.

Table 17 shows, for 1923, for 1922, for 1916, and for the 20-year period 1887–1906, the number and proportion of divorces in which there were children, no children, and no report as to children, respectively.<sup>10</sup> It is probable, however, that in most of the cases in which no report was made there were no children, or at least none so young as likely to be materially affected by the divorce decree.

Table 17

YEAR AND CLASS WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN	DIVORCES DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO WHETHER CHILDREN WERE REPORTED					
	Total		Granted to husband		Granted to wife	
	Number	Per cent distribu- tion	Number	Per cent distribu- tion	Number	Per cent distribu- tion
<b>1923</b>						
All cases.....	<sup>a</sup> 164,609	100.0	53,027	100.0	111,582	100.0
Reporting children.....	57,576	35.0	14,327	27.0	43,249	38.8
Reporting no children.....	92,140	56.0	32,862	62.0	59,278	53.1
Not reporting as to children.....	14,893	9.0	5,838	11.0	9,055	8.1
<b>1922</b>						
All cases.....	<sup>b</sup> 147,775	100.0	47,359	100.0	100,416	100.0
Reporting children.....	50,315	34.0	12,796	27.0	37,519	37.4
Reporting no children.....	82,819	56.0	29,562	62.4	53,257	53.0
Not reporting as to children.....	14,641	9.9	5,001	10.6	9,640	9.6
<b>1916</b>						
All cases.....	<sup>c</sup> 108,702	100.0	33,809	100.0	74,893	100.0
Reporting children.....	41,009	37.7	9,403	27.8	31,606	42.2
Reporting no children.....	56,651	52.1	19,837	58.7	36,814	49.2
Not reporting as to children.....	11,042	10.2	4,569	13.5	6,473	8.6

<sup>a</sup> Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>b</sup> Exclusive of 1,040 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>c</sup> Exclusive of 3,334 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>10</sup> The divorce returns for Iowa and some of the Southern States appear to be incomplete in regard to children affected by the decree. (See Table 24).



Table 17—Continued

YEAR AND CLASS WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN	DIVORCES DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO WHETHER CHILDREN WERE REPORTED					
	Total		Granted to husband		Granted to wife	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
<b>1887 to 1906</b>						
All cases.....	945,625	100.0	316,149	100.0	629,476	100.0
Reporting children.....	376,694	39.8	82,207	26.0	294,487	46.8
Reporting no children.....	380,608	40.2	148,504	47.0	232,104	36.9
Not reporting as to children.....	188,323	19.9	85,438	27.0	102,885	16.3

The proportion of cases in which children were reported decreased from 39.8 per cent for the period 1887-1906 to 35 per cent for the year 1923. At each investigation, as shown by Table 17, children were reported much more frequently in the cases where the divorce was granted to the wife than in the cases where the divorce was granted to the husband. Table 18 brings out the related fact that the proportion of divorces granted to the wife rather than to the husband is greater where there are children than it is where there are no children. As suggested in former reports, this difference may have resulted in large measure from the fact that where dependent children are involved the court usually assigns them to the mother. For her, therefore, divorce usually means a severance of marital relationship only and does not involve a separation from her children. For the father, however, divorce usually signifies a severance of parental relationship also. Consequently, he may be more reluctant than the mother to take the initiative in securing divorce.

Table 18

YEAR AND CLASS WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN	DIVORCES				
	Total number	Granted to husband		Granted to wife	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
<b>1923</b>					
All cases.....	<sup>1</sup> 164,609	53,027	32.2	111,582	67.8
Reporting children.....	57,576	14,327	24.9	43,249	75.1
Reporting no children.....	92,140	32,862	35.7	59,278	64.3
Not reporting as to children.....	14,893	5,838	39.2	9,055	60.8
<b>1922</b>					
All cases.....	<sup>2</sup> 147,775	47,359	32.0	100,416	68.0
Reporting children.....	50,315	12,796	25.4	37,519	74.6
Reporting no children.....	82,819	29,562	35.7	53,257	64.3
Not reporting as to children.....	14,641	5,001	34.2	9,640	65.8
<b>1916</b>					
All cases.....	<sup>3</sup> 108,702	33,809	31.1	74,893	68.9
Reporting children.....	41,009	9,403	22.9	31,606	77.1
Reporting no children.....	56,651	19,837	35.0	36,814	65.0
Not reporting as to children.....	11,042	4,569	41.4	6,473	58.6
<b>1887 to 1906</b>					
All cases.....	945,625	316,149	33.4	629,476	66.6
Reporting children.....	376,694	82,207	22.1	294,487	77.9
Reporting no children.....	380,608	148,504	39.0	232,104	61.0
Not reporting as to children.....	188,323	85,438	45.4	102,885	54.6

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of 1,040 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of 3,334 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

Table 19 shows for divisions and States a percentage distribution, with respect to children, of divorces granted in 1923 to the husband and to the wife, respectively. Except in two States—New York and Nevada—the percentage of cases reporting children was larger among divorces granted to the wife than among those granted to the husband. The difference in these percentages was particularly striking in certain States—in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Kansas, for example. It will be noted, also, that there was a marked variation among the different States in the proportion of divorces in which children were reported. This proportion ranged, in the case of divorces granted to the husband, from 5.5 per cent in Alabama to 45.9 per cent in South Dakota, and, in the case of divorces granted to the wife, from 15.8 per cent in Alabama to 60.1 per cent in North Dakota. The percentages of Table 24 (p. 40) show that the proportion of divorces granted to couples with children is much larger in some States than in others—for example, far larger in South Dakota (55.8 per cent) than in Alabama (11.2 per cent). The numbers upon which the percentages of Table 19 are based are presented in Table 24 (p. 40).

TABLE 19.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, ACCORDING TO WHETHER CHILDREN WERE REPORTED, OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO THE HUSBAND AND TO THE WIFE, RESPECTIVELY, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923

DIVISION AND STATE	PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1923—					
	To husband			To wife		
	Report- ing children	Report- ing no children	Not re- porting as to children	Report- ing children	Report- ing no children	Not re- porting as to children
UNITED STATES.....	27.0	62.0	11.0	38.8	53.1	8.1
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:						
New England.....	30.4	54.1	15.6	46.3	41.7	12.0
Middle Atlantic.....	41.7	49.8	8.5	44.3	48.9	6.8
East North Central.....	31.1	66.4	2.5	42.2	55.5	2.3
West North Central.....	29.1	62.3	8.6	40.8	51.3	8.0
South Atlantic.....	26.7	48.4	24.9	37.9	43.7	18.4
East South Central.....	14.6	59.6	25.8	26.8	54.3	19.0
West South Central.....	14.4	70.2	15.4	27.4	59.5	13.1
Mountain.....	33.3	64.5	2.2	45.3	53.1	1.6
Pacific.....	35.0	62.4	2.6	43.0	54.6	2.4
NEW ENGLAND:						
Maine.....	30.6	49.7	19.7	46.3	42.0	11.7
New Hampshire.....	32.7	57.7	9.7	48.3	41.8	9.9
Vermont.....	37.5	52.3	10.2	52.3	42.1	5.6
Massachusetts.....	30.5	50.4	19.1	47.4	37.0	15.7
Rhode Island.....	12.6	86.9	.5	35.4	64.6	-----
Connecticut.....	34.9	48.9	16.2	48.0	38.4	13.6
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:						
New York.....	45.7	52.5	1.8	44.5	54.0	1.6
New Jersey.....	44.8	55.2	-----	46.0	54.0	-----
Pennsylvania.....	38.7	47.0	14.3	43.7	44.6	11.6
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Ohio.....	31.1	66.4	2.5	40.7	55.9	3.4
Indiana.....	25.7	70.8	3.5	37.4	59.1	3.5
Illinois.....	27.3	70.1	2.6	39.9	58.6	1.5
Michigan.....	38.2	60.6	1.2	48.1	50.6	1.4
Wisconsin.....	44.2	53.4	2.4	54.2	44.1	1.8
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Minnesota.....	37.2	61.3	1.5	48.6	50.3	1.1
Iowa.....	28.2	48.9	22.9	36.6	41.3	22.1
Missouri.....	25.5	67.7	6.8	34.9	59.2	5.9
North Dakota.....	45.4	53.9	.7	60.1	36.6	3.3
South Dakota.....	45.9	47.8	6.3	59.5	36.0	4.5
Nebraska.....	33.9	63.4	2.7	46.0	52.3	1.7
Kansas.....	27.6	65.6	6.8	45.6	48.4	5.9



TABLE 19.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, ACCORDING TO WHETHER CHILDREN WERE REPORTED, OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO THE HUSBAND AND TO THE WIFE, RESPECTIVELY, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923—Continued

DIVISION AND STATE	PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1923—					
	To husband			To wife		
	Report- ing children	Report- ing no children	Not re- porting as to children	Report- ing children	Report- ing no children	Not re- porting as to children
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC:</b>						
Delaware.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Maryland.....	38.1	56.8	5.1	46.8	49.6	3.6
District of Columbia.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Virginia.....	31.0	31.4	37.5	40.3	27.1	32.6
West Virginia.....	33.4	59.5	7.1	42.1	53.1	4.7
North Carolina.....	12.9	38.3	48.9	21.8	40.7	37.4
South Carolina <sup>2</sup> .....	27.8	64.3	7.9	39.5	54.3	6.2
Georgia.....	19.3	50.1	30.6	32.6	42.3	25.1
Florida.....						
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>						
Kentucky.....	19.4	69.3	11.3	31.4	62.1	6.5
Tennessee.....	21.8	59.9	18.3	30.6	50.1	19.3
Alabama.....	5.5	56.9	37.6	15.8	55.6	28.6
Mississippi.....	11.4	50.1	38.5	23.4	44.2	32.4
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>						
Arkansas.....	9.6	71.5	19.0	21.3	61.7	17.1
Louisiana.....	18.4	80.8	.8	25.4	73.9	.7
Oklahoma.....	28.8	67.1	4.1	40.4	57.4	2.2
Texas.....	10.1	69.3	20.6	22.7	58.0	19.2
<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>						
Montana.....	31.2	67.1	1.7	45.8	53.7	.4
Idaho.....	38.4	59.4	2.2	50.8	45.7	3.6
Wyoming.....	29.9	61.7	8.4	44.2	49.6	6.2
Colorado.....	28.8	69.3	1.9	43.5	54.7	1.8
New Mexico.....	28.9	65.8	5.3	44.9	53.9	1.2
Arizona.....	29.1	68.9	2.1	42.1	57.1	.8
Utah.....	42.0	57.5	.5	52.7	47.1	.2
Nevada.....	40.8	59.2		39.2	60.3	.5
<b>PACIFIC:</b>						
Washington.....	36.6	54.2	9.2	42.9	48.7	8.4
Oregon.....	34.4	64.7	.9	44.0	55.4	.6
California.....	34.6	64.6	.8	42.7	56.7	.6

<sup>1</sup> Per cent not shown, base being less than 100.

<sup>2</sup> All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

The following summary shows that the 57,576 divorcees granted in 1923 in which children were reported involved a total of 106,034 children, or an average of 1.8 for each case reporting children. Corresponding figures for divisions and States are presented in Table 24 (p. 40).

PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	DIVORCE CASES IN 1923 IN WHICH CHILDREN WERE REPORTED			
	Number	Per cent of all cases	Children reported	
			Total number	Aver- age per case report- ing
All cases.....	57,576	35.0	106,034	1.8
Divorce granted to husband.....	14,327	27.0	26,947	1.9
Divorce granted to wife.....	43,249	38.8	79,087	1.8





## **DETAILED TABLES**

TABLE 21.—DIVORCES CLASSIFIED BY CAUSE, BY PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED, AND AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE CASE WAS CONTESTED, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923

[See also Table 12, showing each cause classified as to whether or not contested]

DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	CAUSE FOR WHICH DIVORCE WAS GRANTED										
	All causes				Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Drunkenness	Neglect to pro- vide	Combinations of preceding causes <sup>1</sup>	All other causes <sup>2</sup>
	Total	Contested	Uncontested	Unknown as to contest							
UNITED STATES.....	164,609	22,028	137,398	5,343	17,268	58,178	54,608	2,139	6,649	12,563	13,204
Husband.....	53,027	6,653	44,646	518	8,522	13,556	23,907	231	—	1,875	4,936
Wife.....	111,582	15,375	92,752	5	8,746	44,622	30,701	1,908	6,649	10,688	8,268
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS				7							
NEW ENGLAND:				15							
Husband.....	2,185	314	1,861	15	461	330	1,276	27	—	40	51
Wife.....	5,808	955	4,841	—	292	2,524	1,761	225	646	313	47
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:				25							
Husband.....	4,544	471	4,055	25	1,758	314	2,297	—	—	96	79
Wife.....	9,278	761	8,488	—	2,948	2,343	3,487	—	6	253	241
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:											
Husband.....	13,458	2,007	11,403	—	1,083	4,426	4,339	104	—	565	2,941
Wife.....	28,854	5,155	23,584	—	985	11,601	5,732	834	1,612	3,696	4,394
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				3							
Husband.....	6,673	1,097	5,073	4	545	2,414	2,811	55	—	383	465
Wife.....	16,282	2,271	12,526	1	478	7,652	3,805	440	1,045	1,971	891
SOUTH ATLANTIC:				2							
Husband.....	4,576	480	3,102	1	1,549	335	2,509	7	—	116	200
Wife.....	7,665	911	5,160	1	573	1,454	3,726	95	—	460	357
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				4							
Husband.....	5,589	343	5,168	—	312	498	3,265	24	—	89	401
Wife.....	9,046	679	8,269	—	568	3,253	3,988	175	225	390	447
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				3							
Husband.....	9,502	651	8,789	—	1,762	3,059	3,657	4	—	320	700
Wife.....	17,338	1,238	16,018	—	1,775	8,541	4,403	45	—	948	1,526
MOUNTAIN:											
Husband.....	2,423	453	1,951	19	64	771	1,462	4	—	83	39
Wife.....	5,761	1,050	4,666	45	42	2,119	1,209	16	1,611	673	91
PACIFIC:											
Husband.....	4,077	837	3,237	3	128	1,409	2,291	6	—	183	60
Wife.....	11,550	2,355	9,192	3	85	5,135	2,590	78	1,504	1,984	174
NEW ENGLAND											
Maine:											
Husband.....	314	35	279	—	103	78	124	5	—	2	2
Wife.....	909	107	801	—	84	475	186	63	81	19	1
New Hampshire:											
Husband.....	248	51	197	—	73	59	95	2	—	19	—
Wife.....	505	—	368	—	51	280	134	15	—	21	4
Vermont:											
Husband.....	128	—	15	1	29	29	69	—	—	—	1
Wife.....	304	—	83	—	20	136	73	—	65	9	1
Massachusetts:											
Husband.....	—	—	788	1	180	100	651	15	—	4	4
Wife.....	—	—	1,165	2	87	1,222	950	106	78	172	14
Rhode Island:											
Husband.....	193	—	163	—	10	42	76	1	—	15	39
Wife.....	366	—	547	—	4	100	21	6	422	76	15
Connecticut:											
Husband.....	414	—	326	1	66	22	261	4	—	—	5
Wife.....	615	31	684	2	46	311	397	35	—	16	12
MIDDLE ATLANTIC											
New York:											
Husband.....	1,349	168	1,178	3	1,224	14	61	—	—	2	48
Wife.....	3,077	411	2,663	3	2,582	157	158	—	6	15	159
New Jersey:											
Husband.....	679	83	596	—	179	—	500	—	—	—	—
Wife.....	1,175	82	1,093	—	199	7	969	—	—	—	—
Pennsylvania:											
Husband.....	2,516	220	2,281	15	355	360	1,736	—	—	94	31
Wife.....	5,026	268	4,732	26	167	2,179	2,360	—	—	238	82

<sup>1</sup> See explanatory text, p. 17.<sup>2</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.



TABLE 21.—DIVORCES CLASSIFIED BY CAUSE, BY PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED, AND AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE CASE WAS CONTESTED, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923—Continued

DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	CAUSE FOR WHICH DIVORCE WAS GRANTED										
	All causes				Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Drunkenness	Neglect to provide	Combinations of preceding causes <sup>1</sup>	All other causes <sup>2</sup>
	Total	Contested	Uncontested	Unknown as to contest							
EAST NORTH CENTRAL											
Ohio:											
Husband.....	4,765	525	4,242	8	236	726	902	23		172	2,706
Wife.....	7,137	893	6,244	17	145	1,425	981	41		730	3,815
Indiana:											
Husband.....	2,254	709	1,545	6	113	1,398	620	6		33	84
Wife.....	5,056	1,748	3,308	16	101	3,130	643	39	810	119	214
Illinois:											
Husband.....	3,334	414	2,920	3	689	418	2,023	72		22	110
Wife.....	8,983	1,725	7,258	9	721	3,650	3,522	732		82	276
Michigan:											
Husband.....	2,605	292	2,313	21	25	1,679	566	1		312	22
Wife.....	6,087	551	5,536	46	8	2,549	366	11	631	2,474	48
Wisconsin:											
Husband.....	500	67	433	10	20	205	228	2		26	19
Wife.....	1,591	238	1,353	27	10	847	220	11	171	291	41
WEST NORTH CENTRAL											
Minnesota:											
Husband.....	716	10	706	3	33	206	461	4		6	6
Wife.....	2,013	27	1,986	2	35	1,109	746	20	7	42	54
Iowa:											
Husband.....	1,168	6	1,162	329	169	588	351	9		32	19
Wife.....	3,158	20	3,138	1,037	86	2,308	515	99		71	79
Missouri:											
Husband.....	2,864	561	2,303	1	261	1,071	1,246	39		75	172
Wife.....	6,233	1,052	5,181	3	319	2,692	1,661	280	58	399	273
North Dakota:											
Husband.....	152	24	128		7	25	103			11	6
Wife.....	273	61	212		4	72	86	1	57	49	4
South Dakota:											
Husband.....	159			159	6	35	93			22	3
Wife.....	422			422	3	116	82	1	95	116	9
Nebraska:											
Husband.....	489	112	367	10	23	268	115			68	15
Wife.....	1,588	266	1,303	19	11	451	97	10	228	771	20
Kansas:											
Husband.....	1,125	201	923	1	46	221	442	3		169	244
Wife.....	2,595	412	2,181	2	20	904	618	29		572	452
SOUTH ATLANTIC <sup>4</sup>											
Delaware:											
Husband.....	64	8	56		0	1	52				1
Wife.....	93	9	84			24	53	1		1	1
Maryland:											
Husband.....	525	128	397			1	332			16	5
Wife.....	1,080	369	711			7	667			78	8
District of Columbia:											
Husband.....	36	36				1					
Wife.....	90	90				7	9			1	
Virginia:											
Husband.....	1,079	22	79	978			747			20	8
Wife.....	1,684	13	99	1,572			1,236			90	54
West Virginia:											
Husband.....	743	102	638	3	310		371			33	16
Wife.....	1,161	102	1,054	5	338		562	1		99	61
North Carolina:											
Husband.....	677	30	639	8	424	1	31			9	112
Wife.....	820	20	788	12	479	9				23	137
Georgia:											
Husband.....	571	55	516		58	198	2	1		7	25
Wife.....	1,214	142	1,069	3	20	749	311	47		44	43
Florida:											
Husband.....	881	99	777	5	98	119	594	6		31	33
Wife.....	1,523	166	1,355	2	76	508	716	46		124	53

<sup>1</sup> See explanatory text, p. 17.<sup>2</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).<sup>4</sup> All laws permitting divorce in South Carolina were repealed in 1878.

TABLE 21.—DIVORCES CLASSIFIED BY CAUSE, BY PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED, AND AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE CASE WAS CONTESTED, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923—Continued

DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	CAUSE FOR WHICH DIVORCE WAS GRANTED										
	All causes				Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Drunkenness	Neglect to pro- vide	Combinations of preceding causes <sup>1</sup>	All other causes <sup>2</sup>
	Total	Contested	Uncontested	Unknown as to contest							
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Kentucky:											
Husband.....	1,501	177	1,290		196	95	894	7		15	294
Wife.....	2,878	332	2,495		66	1,232	1,178	31	30	33	308
Tennessee:											
Husband.....	1,420	88	1,328		375	157	811	5		37	35
Wife.....	3,034	256	2,771		147	726	1,584	38	188	291	60
Alabama:											
Husband.....	1,499	7	1,477		397	10	1,060	8			24
Wife.....	1,893	7	1,871		168	832	768	92	7	3	23
Mississippi:											
Husband.....	1,169	71	1,073		344	236	500	4		37	48
Wife.....	1,241	84	1,132		187	463	458	14		63	56
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Arkansas:											
Husband.....	1,535	68	1,464		70	469	984			3	9
Wife.....	2,152	94	2,054		41	1,000	1,067	4		7	33
Louisiana:											
Husband.....	782	74	706		588	2	90			2	100
Wife.....	1,324	167	1,156		073	35	122			9	85
Oklahoma:											
Husband.....	1,878	213	1,661		91	366	918	4		131	368
Wife.....	4,537	477	4,053		90	1,593	1,223	41		456	1,134
Texas:											
Husband.....	5,307	296	4,958	53	1,013	2,222	1,665			184	223
Wife.....	9,325	500	8,755	70	571	5,913	1,991			476	374
MOUNTAIN											
Montana:											
Husband.....	359	24	335		12	77	251	1		10	8
Wife.....	914	76	837	1	14	302	251	1	275	54	17
Idaho:											
Husband.....	224	34	190		9	51	144			10	10
Wife.....	646	80	565	1	4	220	174	3	187	43	15
Wyoming:											
Husband.....	167	35	116	16	1	34	115			7	10
Wife.....	403	73	289	41	4	125	88	3	129	36	18
Colorado:											
Husband.....	587	93	494		17	256	276	2		35	1
Wife.....	1,679	318	1,360	1	12	756	188		327	375	21
New Mexico:											
Husband.....	190	37	151	2	6	7	171			4	2
Wife.....	323	52	271		1	50	146		52	69	5
Arizona:											
Husband.....	289	43	245	1	15	75	193			5	1
Wife.....	515	89	426		3	144	139	3	156	65	5
Utah:											
Husband.....	23	170			2	60	121			3	7
Wife.....	87	578		1	1	199	91	2	357	11	5
Nevada:											
Husband.....	164	250			2	211	191	1		9	
Wife.....	275	340			3	323	132	4	128	20	5
PACIFIC											
Washington:											
Husband.....	850	180	669	1	20	246	415	1		114	54
Wife.....	2,663	576	2,087		10	810	328	7	619	827	62
Oregon:											
Husband.....	765	90	674	1	18	356	379			8	4
Wife.....	2,129	179	1,948	2	14	1,385	631	22		47	30
California:											
Husband.....	2,462	567	1,894	1	90	807	1,497	5		61	2
Wife.....	6,758	1,600	5,157	1	61	2,940	1,631	49	885	1,110	82

<sup>1</sup> See explanatory text, p. 17.<sup>2</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).



TABLE 22.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, BY CAUSE, OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO EACH PARTY, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923

DIVISION AND STATE	CAUSE OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO HUSBAND <sup>1</sup>						CAUSE OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO WIFE						
	Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Drunkness	Combinations of preceding causes <sup>2</sup>	All other causes <sup>3</sup>	Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Drunkness	Neglect to provide	Combinations of preceding causes <sup>2</sup>	All other causes <sup>3</sup>
UNITED STATES	16.1	25.6	45.1	0.4	3.5	9.3	7.8	40.0	27.5	1.7	6.0	9.6	7.4
<b>GEOG. DIVISIONS:</b>													
New England.....	21.1	15.1	58.4	1.2	1.8	2.3	5.0	43.5	30.3	3.9	11.1	5.4	.8
Middle Atlantic.....	38.7	6.9	50.6	—	2.1	1.7	31.8	25.3	37.6	—	.1	2.7	2.6
E. North Central.....	8.0	32.9	32.2	.8	4.2	21.9	3.4	40.2	19.9	2.9	5.6	12.8	15.2
W. North Central.....	8.2	36.2	42.1	.8	5.7	7.0	2.9	47.0	23.4	2.7	6.4	12.1	5.5
South Atlantic.....	30.8	7.3	54.8	.2	2.5	4.4	20.5	19.0	48.6	1.2	—	6.0	4.7
E. South Central.....	23.5	8.9	58.4	.4	1.6	7.2	6.3	36.0	44.1	1.9	2.5	4.3	4.9
W. South Central.....	18.5	32.2	38.5	( <sup>4</sup> )	3.4	7.4	10.2	49.3	25.4	.3	—	5.5	9.4
Mountain.....	2.6	31.8	60.3	.2	3.4	1.6	.7	36.8	21.0	.3	28.0	11.7	1.6
Pacific.....	3.1	34.6	56.2	.1	4.5	1.5	.7	44.5	22.4	.7	13.0	17.2	1.5
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>													
Maine.....	32.8	24.8	39.5	1.6	.6	.6	9.2	52.3	20.5	6.9	8.9	2.1	.1
New Hampshire.....	29.4	23.8	38.3	.8	7.7	—	10.1	55.4	26.5	3.0	—	4.2	.8
Vermont.....	22.7	22.7	53.9	—	—	.8	6.6	44.7	24.0	—	21.4	3.0	.3
Massachusetts.....	18.9	10.5	68.2	1.6	.4	.4	3.3	46.5	36.1	4.0	3.0	6.5	.5
Rhode Island.....	5.5	23.0	41.5	.5	8.2	21.3	.6	15.5	3.3	.9	65.5	11.8	2.3
Connecticut.....	18.4	6.1	72.9	1.1	—	1.4	5.6	38.1	48.6	4.3	—	2.0	1.5
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>													
New York.....	90.7	1.0	4.5	—	.1	3.6	83.9	5.1	5.1	—	.2	.5	5.2
New Jersey.....	26.4	—	73.6	—	—	—	16.9	6	82.5	—	—	—	—
Pennsylvania.....	14.1	11.9	69.0	—	3.7	1.2	3.3	43.4	47.0	—	—	4.7	1.6
<b>E. NORTH CENTRAL:</b>													
Ohio.....	5.0	15.2	18.9	.5	3.6	56.8	2.0	20.0	13.7	.6	—	10.2	53.5
Indiana.....	5.0	62.0	27.5	.3	1.5	3.7	2.0	61.9	12.7	.8	16.0	2.4	4.2
Illinois.....	20.7	12.5	60.7	2.2	.7	3.3	8.0	40.6	39.2	8.1	—	.9	3.1
Michigan.....	1.0	64.5	21.7	( <sup>4</sup> )	12.0	.8	1	41.9	6.0	.2	10.4	40.6	.8
Wisconsin.....	4.0	41.0	45.6	.4	5.2	3.8	.6	53.2	13.8	.7	10.7	18.3	2.6
<b>W. NORTH CENTRAL:</b>													
Minnesota.....	4.6	28.8	64.4	.6	.8	.8	1.7	55.1	37.1	1.0	.3	2.1	2.7
Iowa.....	14.5	50.3	30.1	.8	2.7	1.6	2.7	73.1	16.3	3.1	—	2.2	2.5
Missouri.....	9.1	37.4	43.5	1.4	2.6	6.0	5.1	43.2	26.6	4.5	10.6	5.6	4.4
North Dakota.....	4.6	16.4	67.8	—	7.2	3.9	1.5	26.4	31.5	.4	20.9	17.9	1.5
South Dakota.....	3.8	22.0	58.5	—	13.8	1.9	.7	27.5	19.4	.2	22.5	27.5	2.1
Nebraska.....	4.7	54.8	23.5	—	13.9	3.1	.7	28.4	6.1	.6	14.4	48.6	1.3
Kansas.....	4.1	19.6	39.3	.3	15.0	21.7	.8	34.8	23.8	1.1	—	22.0	17.4
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC:</b>													
Delaware.....	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Maryland.....	32.6	0.2	63.2	—	3.0	1.0	29.6	.6	61.8	—	—	7.2	.7
District of Columbia.....	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Virginia.....	28.1	.1	69.2	—	1.9	.7	15.7	2.4	73.4	—	—	5.3	3.2
West Virginia.....	41.7	1.7	49.9	—	4.4	2.2	29.1	8.6	48.4	.1	—	8.5	5.3
North Carolina.....	62.6	.1	19.4	—	1.3	16.5	58.4	1.1	21.0	—	—	2.8	16.7
South Carolina.....	10.2	34.7	49.4	.2	1.2	4.4	1.6	61.7	25.6	3.9	—	3.6	3.5
Georgia.....	11.1	13.5	67.4	.7	3.5	3.7	5.0	33.4	47.0	3.0	—	8.1	3.5
<b>E. SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>													
Kentucky.....	13.1	6.3	59.6	.5	1.0	19.6	2.3	42.8	40.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	10.7
Tennessee.....	26.4	11.1	57.1	.4	2.6	2.5	4.8	23.9	52.2	1.3	6.2	9.6	2.0
Alabama.....	26.5	.7	70.7	.5	—	1.6	8.9	44.0	40.6	4.9	.4	.2	1.2
Mississippi.....	29.4	20.2	42.8	.3	3.2	4.1	15.1	37.3	36.9	1.1	—	5.1	4.5
<b>W. SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>													
Arkansas.....	4.6	30.6	64.1	—	.2	.6	1.9	46.5	49.6	.2	—	.3	1.5
Louisiana.....	75.2	.3	11.5	—	.3	12.8	81.0	2.6	9.2	—	—	.7	6.4
Oklahoma.....	4.8	19.5	48.9	.2	7.0	19.6	2.0	35.1	27.0	.9	—	10.1	25.0
Texas.....	19.1	41.9	31.4	—	3.5	4.2	6.1	63.4	21.4	—	—	5.1	4.0
<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>													
Montana.....	3.3	21.4	69.9	.3	2.8	2.2	1.5	33.0	27.5	.1	30.1	5.9	1.9
Idaho.....	4.0	22.8	64.3	—	4.5	4.5	.6	34.1	26.9	.5	28.9	6.7	2.3
Wyoming.....	.6	20.4	68.9	—	4.2	6.0	1.0	31.0	21.8	.7	32.0	8.9	4.5
Colorado.....	2.9	43.6	47.0	.3	6.0	.2	.7	45.0	11.2	—	19.5	22.3	1.3
New Mexico.....	3.2	3.7	90.0	—	2.1	1.1	.3	15.5	45.2	—	16.1	21.4	1.5
Arizona.....	5.2	26.0	66.8	—	1.7	.3	.6	28.0	27.0	.6	30.3	12.6	1.0
Utah.....	1.0	31.1	62.7	—	1.6	3.6	.2	29.9	13.7	.3	53.6	1.7	.8
Nevada.....	.5	51.0	46.1	.2	2.2	—	.5	52.5	21.5	.7	20.8	3.3	.8
<b>PACIFIC:</b>													
Washington.....	2.4	28.9	48.8	.1	13.4	6.4	.4	30.4	12.3	.3	23.2	31.1	2.3
Oregon.....	2.4	46.5	49.5	—	1.0	.5	.7	65.1	29.6	1.0	—	2.2	1.4
California.....	3.7	32.8	60.8	.2	2.5	.1	.9	43.5	24.1	.7	13.1	16.4	1.2

<sup>1</sup> None granted for "Neglect to provide."<sup>2</sup> See explanatory text p. 17.<sup>3</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).<sup>4</sup> Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.<sup>5</sup> Per cent not shown, base being less than 100.<sup>6</sup> All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

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DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	Total	NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED									
		Less than 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 and over	Un-known
UNITED STATES											
All causes.....	164,609	7,012	11,693	14,694	15,879	12,613	42,558	23,413	13,339	15,641	7,767
Husband.....	53,027	2,226	3,571	4,436	4,856	4,092	13,797	7,543	4,204	5,217	3,085
Wife.....	111,582	4,786	8,122	10,258	11,023	8,521	28,761	15,870	9,135	10,424	4,682
Adultery:											
Husband.....	8,522	413	598	722	746	685	2,423	1,246	648	498	543
Wife.....	8,746	368	580	701	765	581	2,409	1,357	803	724	458
Cruelty:											
Husband.....	13,556	1,075	1,530	1,430	1,314	959	3,042	1,584	874	1,106	642
Wife.....	44,622	2,834	4,356	4,705	4,510	3,237	10,731	5,799	3,320	3,503	1,627
Desertion:											
Husband.....	23,907	256	800	1,690	2,174	1,992	6,712	3,852	2,181	3,006	1,244
Wife.....	30,701	376	1,139	2,129	2,893	2,526	8,842	4,935	2,853	3,649	1,359
Drunkenness:											
Husband.....	231	5	12	26	18	17	58	40	23	22	10
Wife.....	1,908	62	74	158	163	131	452	343	231	247	47
Neglect to provide:											
Husband.....											
Wife.....	6,649	198	475	737	773	604	1,760	875	492	635	100
Combinations of preceding causes: <sup>2</sup>											
Husband.....	1,875	93	140	153	163	164	512	269	156	182	43
Wife.....	10,688	383	708	929	1,133	872	2,863	1,633	911	1,070	186
All other causes: <sup>3</sup>											
Husband.....	4,936	384	491	415	441	275	1,050	552	322	403	603
Wife.....	8,268	565	790	899	786	570	1,704	928	525	596	905
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS											
NEW ENGLAND:											
Husband.....	2,185	12	48	91	123	162	687	433	292	332	5
Wife.....	5,808	35	198	295	457	398	1,739	1,133	725	807	21
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:											
Husband.....	4,544	54	90	255	326	313	1,511	894	519	544	38
Wife.....	9,278	142	313	607	762	670	2,906	1,671	1,013	1,095	99
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:											
Husband.....	13,458	681	1,007	1,124	1,267	983	3,498	1,984	1,122	1,348	444
Wife.....	28,854	1,361	2,101	2,898	2,881	2,133	7,318	4,162	2,445	2,821	734
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:											
Husband.....	6,673	424	623	717	675	486	1,551	874	499	650	174
Wife.....	16,282	1,009	1,518	1,644	1,631	1,165	3,788	2,210	1,319	1,668	330
SOUTH ATLANTIC:											
Husband.....	4,576	100	214	280	379	388	1,305	726	407	502	275
Wife.....	7,665	197	399	558	765	689	2,286	1,142	602	672	355
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:											
Husband.....	5,589	188	345	455	562	466	1,342	672	331	425	803
Wife.....	9,046	444	831	882	916	718	2,116	973	514	540	1,112
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:											
Husband.....	9,502	631	835	902	931	784	2,067	950	457	633	1,312
Wife.....	17,338	1,285	1,742	1,740	1,885	1,357	3,815	1,698	956	927	1,933
MOUNTAIN:											
Husband.....	2,423	77	223	232	199	179	630	342	204	317	20
Wife.....	5,761	179	506	607	619	457	1,407	848	497	594	47
PACIFIC:											
Husband.....	4,077	59	186	380	394	331	1,206	668	373	466	14
Wife.....	11,550	134	514	1,027	1,107	934	3,386	2,033	1,064	1,300	51
NEW ENGLAND											
Maine:											
Husband.....	314	5	10	29	21	31	94	51	32	40	1
Wife.....	909	14	34	52	94	73	267	157	96	116	6
New Hampshire:											
Husband.....	248	2	10	16	20	26	64	39	32	38	1
Wife.....	505	5	24	23	40	32	149	92	67	71	2

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

<sup>2</sup> See explanatory text, p. 17.

<sup>3</sup> Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

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DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	Total	NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED									
		Less than 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 and over	Un-known
NEW ENGLAND—CON.											
Vermont:											
Husband.....	128	3	7	11	10	34	29	21	13		
Wife.....	304	2	11	16	27	24	82	49	41	52	
Massachusetts:											
Husband.....	954	1	13	26	39	56	327	202	129	161	
Wife.....	2,629	5	80	109	164	169	805	582	349	366	
Rhode Island:											
Husband.....	183	1	7	2	14	10	58	41	24	24	2
Wife.....	644	3	29	57	73	41	194	92	62	87	6
Connecticut:											
Husband.....	358	3	5	11	18	29	110	71	54	56	1
Wife.....	817	6	20	38	59	59	242	161	110	115	7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC											
New York:											
Husband.....	1,349	31	39	54	66	89	467	268	174	145	16
Wife.....	3,077	80	146	184	194	175	894	607	393	374	30
New Jersey:											
Husband.....	679	1	11	35	49	225	154	92	112		
Wife.....	1,175	1	11	64	73	405	264	175	182		
Pennsylvania:											
Husband.....	2,516	23	50	190	225	175	819	472	253	287	22
Wife.....	5,026	62	166	412	504	422	1,607	800	445	539	69
EAST NORTH CENTRAL											
Ohio:											
Husband.....	4,765	197	376	351	446	336	1,322	711	407	485	134
Wife.....	7,137	288	555	743	715	519	1,781	1,065	644	710	117
Indiana:											
Husband.....	2,254	197	232	195	219	153	488	246	151	218	155
Wife.....	5,056	363	448	538	511	356	1,147	559	342	432	360
Illinois:											
Husband.....	3,334	121	152	322	333	260	871	514	300	332	129
Wife.....	8,983	389	534	915	932	707	2,356	1,346	755	851	198
Michigan:											
Husband.....	2,605	151	211	218	234	203	686	415	216	251	20
Wife.....	6,087	245	419	559	581	467	1,665	932	553	620	46
Wisconsin:											
Husband.....	500	15	36	38	35	31	131	98	48	62	6
Wife.....	1,591	76	145	143	142	84	369	260	151	208	13
WEST NORTH CENTRAL											
Minnesota:											
Husband.....	716	12	55	75	62	44	187	121	67	89	4
Wife.....	2,013	42	159	188	173	159	562	321	185	220	4
Iowa:											
Husband.....	1,168	89	111	138	119	85	271	144	98	96	17
Wife.....	3,158	229	270	321	341	208	725	427	244	349	44
Missouri:											
Husband.....	2,864	201	261	290	296	207	664	379	204	268	94
Wife.....	6,233	466	637	679	612	466	1,410	823	476	521	143
North Dakota:											
Husband.....	152	4	15	16	9	13	45	25	8	16	1
Wife.....	273	3	16	17	31	17	61	45	32	44	7
South Dakota:											
Husband.....	159	8	10	19	18	13	31	23	11	25	1
Wife.....	422	11	37	39	46	24	112	61	36	49	7
Nebraska:											
Husband.....	489	39	39	53	63	41	108	54	35	48	9
Wife.....	1,588	111	144	155	181	105	359	189	139	193	12
Kansas:											
Husband.....	1,125	71	132	126	108	83	245	128	76	108	48
Wife.....	2,595	147	255	245	247	186	559	344	207	292	113



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		Less than 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 and over	Un-known
SOUTH ATLANTIC <sup>4</sup>											
Delaware:											
Husband.....	64	1	1		6	6	20	9	6	15	-----
Wife.....	93			1	8	9	35	13	10	17	-----
Maryland:											
Husband.....	525	5	12	22	46	53	175	80	67	65	-----
Wife.....	1,080	12	45	57	87	92	374	187	106	109	11
District of Columbia:											
Husband.....	36				1	7	11	8	3	6	-----
Wife.....	90	1	2	7	5	4	29	11	12	18	1
Virginia:											
Husband.....	1,079	33	36	50	103	78	345	175	106	132	21
Wife.....	1,684	33	55	79	178	157	552	281	157	164	28
West Virginia:											
Husband.....	743	24	39	40	58	68	217	115	52	66	64
Wife.....	1,161	27	51	74	125	121	337	160	82	114	70
North Carolina:											
Husband.....	677	7	25	32	51	41	167	116	51	69	118
Wife.....	820	8	27	58	72	47	212	138	66	69	123
Georgia:											
Husband.....	571	6	34	51	42	55	155	94	51	50	33
Wife.....	1,214	25	83	134	131	144	326	163	81	69	58
Florida:											
Husband.....	881	24	67	85	72	80	215	129	71	99	39
Wife.....	1,523	91	136	148	159	115	421	189	88	112	64
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Kentucky:											
Husband.....	1,501	63	140	156	124	97	290	167	94	108	262
Wife.....	2,878	113	291	299	274	183	603	326	175	213	401
Tennessee:											
Husband.....	1,420	52	88	103	172	126	349	173	72	95	190
Wife.....	3,034	157	290	294	318	255	744	294	157	172	353
Alabama:											
Husband.....	1,499	38	39	107	146	154	418	194	96	130	177
Wife.....	1,893	115	141	198	183	179	463	224	108	94	188
Mississippi:											
Husband.....	1,169	35	78	89	120	89	285	138	69	92	174
Wife.....	1,241	59	109	91	141	101	306	129	74	61	170
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Arkansas:											
Husband.....	1,535	64	104	155	139	126	307	129	62	74	375
Wife.....	2,152	123	177	194	211	153	477	199	110	86	422
Louisiana:											
Husband.....	782	30	43	69	68	64	208	118	49	80	53
Wife.....	1,324	99	99	116	131	92	350	160	98	96	83
Oklahoma:											
Husband.....	1,878	175	202	198	204	147	368	191	106	170	117
Wife.....	4,537	401	525	469	501	338	1,016	450	280	314	243
Texas:											
Husband.....	5,307	362	486	480	520	447	1,184	512	240	309	767
Wife.....	9,325	662	941	961	1,042	774	1,972	889	468	431	1,185
MOUNTAIN											
Montana:											
Husband.....	359	17	38	39	33	21	104	56	23	26	2
Wife.....	914	31	67	94	103	55	243	139	86	92	4
Idaho:											
Husband.....	224	6	25	20	14	18	59	30	24	26	2
Wife.....	646	16	55	64	75	59	142	95	52	77	11
Wyoming:											
Husband.....	167	3	14	24	10	13	49	20	16	16	2
Wife.....	403	19	42	35	44	32	104	67	24	33	3
Colorado:											
Husband.....	587	7	59	57	45	51	160	81	46	80	1
Wife.....	1,679	22	161	177	177	138	401	260	157	185	1

<sup>4</sup> All laws permitting divorce in South Carolina were repealed in 1878.

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		Less than 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 and over	Un- known
MOUNTAIN—Continued											
New Mexico:											
Husband.....	190	15	20	20	24	13	37	22	13	20	6
Wife.....	323	27	28	34	37	27	68	40	23	24	15
Arizona:											
Husband.....	289	13	27	21	34	24	75	35	23	34	3
Wife.....	515	18	38	71	60	49	139	58	27	52	3
Utah:											
Husband.....	193	8	17	23	19	19	49	26	9	22	1
Wife.....	666	22	71	82	77	50	151	75	65	69	4
Nevada:											
Husband.....	414	8	23	28	20	20	97	72	50	93	3
Wife.....	615	24	44	50	46	47	159	114	63	62	6
PACIFIC											
Washington:											
Husband.....	850	16	49	96	89	68	230	122	68	105	7
Wife.....	2,663	40	182	238	234	254	735	463	216	276	25
Oregon:											
Husband.....	765	41	67	83	68	60	205	95	66	79	1
Wife.....	2,129	92	153	224	231	161	534	311	183	229	11
California:											
Husband.....	2,462	2	70	201	237	203	771	451	239	282	6
Wife.....	6,758	2	179	565	642	519	2,117	1,259	665	795	15

TABLE 24.—DIVORCES CLASSIFIED WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN

DIVISION AND STATE		DIVORCES GRANTED TO COUPLES—								
		Total	Reporting children				Reporting no children		Not reporting as to children	
			Num-ber	Per cent	Children reported		Num-ber	Per cent	Num-ber	Per cent
					Total	Average				
1	UNITED STATES.....	1164,609	57,576	35.0	106,034	1.8	92,140	56.0	14,893	9.0
2	GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:									
3	New England.....	7,993	3,353	41.9	5,909	1.8	3,604	45.1	1,036	13.0
4	Middle Atlantic.....	13,822	6,001	43.4	10,418	1.7	6,803	49.2	1,018	7.4
5	East North Central.....	42,312	16,348	38.6	30,432	1.9	24,967	59.0	997	2.4
6	West North Central.....	22,955	8,585	37.4	15,993	1.9	12,501	54.5	1,869	8.1
7	South Atlantic.....	12,241	4,128	33.7	8,001	1.9	5,563	45.4	2,550	20.8
8	East South Central.....	14,635	3,238	22.1	6,105	1.9	8,237	56.3	3,160	21.6
9	West South Central.....	26,840	6,118	22.8	11,542	1.9	16,987	63.3	3,735	13.9
10	Mountain.....	8,184	3,415	41.7	6,541	1.9	4,621	56.5	148	1.8
	Pacific.....	15,627	6,390	40.9	11,093	1.7	8,857	56.7	380	2.4
11	NEW ENGLAND:									
12	Maine.....	1,223	517	42.3	947	1.8	538	44.0	168	13.7
13	New Hampshire.....	753	325	43.2	607	1.9	354	47.0	74	9.8
14	Vermont.....	432	207	47.9	402	1.9	195	45.1	30	6.9
15	Massachusetts.....	3,583	1,536	42.9	2,641	1.7	1,453	40.6	594	16.6
16	Rhode Island.....	827	251	30.4	429	1.7	575	69.5	1	.1
	Connecticut.....	1,175	517	44.0	883	1.7	489	41.6	169	14.4
17	MIDDLE ATLANTIC:									
18	New York.....	4,426	1,985	44.8	3,347	1.7	2,369	53.5	72	1.6
19	New Jersey.....	1,854	845	45.6	1,356	1.6	1,009	54.4		
20	Pennsylvania.....	7,542	3,171	42.0	5,715	1.8	3,425	45.4	946	12.5
21	EAST NORTH CENTRAL:									
22	Ohio.....	11,902	4,385	36.8	7,868	1.8	7,152	60.1	365	3.1
23	Indiana.....	7,310	2,468	33.8	4,400	1.8	4,586	62.7	256	3.5
24	Illinois.....	12,317	4,491	36.5	7,863	1.8	7,605	61.7	221	1.8
25	Michigan.....	8,692	3,921	45.1	8,102	2.1	4,656	53.6	115	1.3
26	Wisconsin.....	2,091	1,083	51.8	2,199	2.0	968	46.3	40	1.9
27	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:									
28	Minnesota.....	2,729	1,245	45.6	2,364	1.9	1,451	53.2	33	1.2
29	Iowa.....	4,326	1,485	34.3	2,691	1.8	1,875	43.3	966	22.3
30	Missouri.....	9,097	2,907	32.0	5,038	1.7	5,629	61.9	561	6.2
31	North Dakota.....	425	233	54.8	519	2.2	182	42.8	10	2.4
32	South Dakota.....	581	324	55.8	754	2.3	228	39.2	29	5.0
33	Nebraska.....	2,077	896	43.1	1,714	1.9	1,141	54.9	40	1.9
34	Kansas.....	3,720	1,495	40.2	2,913	1.9	1,995	53.6	230	6.2
35	SOUTH ATLANTIC:									
36	Delaware.....	157	41	26.1	74	1.8	105	66.9	11	7.0
37	Maryland.....	1,605	705	43.9	1,320	1.9	834	52.0	66	4.1
38	District of Columbia.....	126	60	47.6	110	1.8	65	51.6	1	.8
39	Virginia.....	2,763	1,013	36.7	2,017	2.0	796	28.8	954	34.5
40	West Virginia.....	1,904	737	38.7	1,516	2.1	1,059	55.6	108	5.7
41	North Carolina.....	1,497	266	17.8	542	2.0	593	39.6	638	42.6
42	South Carolina <sup>1</sup> .....									
43	Georgia.....	1,785	639	35.8	1,137	1.8	1,026	57.5	120	6.7
44	Florida.....	2,404	667	27.7	1,285	1.9	1,085	45.1	652	27.1
45	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:									
46	Kentucky.....	4,379	1,196	27.3	2,266	1.9	2,827	64.6	356	8.1
47	Tennessee.....	4,454	1,238	27.8	2,357	1.9	2,370	53.2	846	19.0
48	Alabama.....	3,392	381	11.2	652	1.7	1,905	56.2	1,106	32.6
49	Mississippi.....	2,410	423	17.6	830	2.0	1,135	47.1	852	35.4
50	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:									
51	Arkansas.....	3,687	605	16.4	1,158	1.9	2,424	65.7	658	17.8
52	Louisiana.....	2,106	480	22.8	931	1.9	1,611	76.5	15	.7
53	Oklahoma.....	6,415	2,375	37.0	4,636	2.0	3,864	60.2	176	2.7
54	Texas.....	14,632	2,658	18.2	4,817	1.8	9,088	62.1	2,886	19.7
55	MOUNTAIN:									
56	Montana.....	1,273	531	41.7	1,072	2.0	732	57.5	10	.8
57	Idaho.....	870	414	47.6	871	2.1	428	49.2	28	3.2
58	Wyoming.....	570	228	40.0	430	1.9	303	53.2	39	6.8
59	Colorado.....	2,266	899	39.7	1,595	1.8	1,325	58.5	42	1.9
60	New Mexico.....	513	200	39.0	361	1.8	299	58.3	14	2.7
61	Arizona.....	804	301	37.4	577	1.9	493	61.3	10	1.2
62	Utah.....	859	432	50.3	867	2.0	425	49.5	2	.2
63	Nevada.....	1,029	410	39.8	768	1.9	616	59.9	3	.3
64	PACIFIC:									
65	Washington.....	3,513	1,453	41.4	2,609	1.8	1,759	50.1	301	8.6
66	Oregon.....	2,894	1,200	41.5	2,193	1.8	1,675	57.9	19	0.7
67	California.....	9,220	3,737	40.5	6,291	1.7	5,423	58.8	60	.7

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.



AND BY PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923

DIVORCES GRANTED TO HUSBANDS—						DIVORCES GRANTED TO WIVES—						
Total	Reporting children			Report- ing no child- ren	Not report- ing as to child- ren	Total	Reporting children			Report- ing no child- ren	Not report- ing as to child- ren	
	Num- ber	Children reported					Num- ber	Children reported				
		Total	Aver- age					Total	Aver- age			
53,027	14,327	26,947	1.9	32,862	5,838	111,582	43,249	79,087	1.8	59,278	9,055	1
2,185	664	1,223	1.8	1,181	340	5,808	2,689	4,686	1.7	2,423	696	2
4,544	1,894	3,458	1.8	2,265	385	9,278	4,107	6,960	1.7	4,538	633	3
13,458	4,185	7,743	1.9	8,942	331	28,854	12,163	22,689	1.9	16,025	666	4
6,673	1,945	3,625	1.9	4,155	573	16,282	6,640	12,368	1.9	8,346	1,296	5
4,576	1,223	2,519	2.1	2,214	1,139	7,665	2,905	5,482	1.9	3,349	1,411	6
5,589	816	1,641	2.0	3,329	1,444	9,046	2,422	4,464	1.8	4,908	1,716	7
9,502	1,368	2,738	2.0	6,666	1,468	17,338	4,750	8,804	1.9	10,321	2,267	8
2,423	806	1,488	1.8	1,564	53	5,761	2,609	5,053	1.9	3,057	95	9
4,077	1,426	2,512	1.8	2,546	105	11,550	4,964	8,581	1.7	6,311	275	10
314	96	175	1.8	156	62	909	421	772	1.8	382	106	11
248	81	170	2.1	143	24	505	244	437	1.8	211	50	12
128	48	110	2.3	67	13	304	159	292	1.8	128	17	13
954	291	504	1.7	481	182	2,629	1,245	2,137	1.7	972	412	14
183	23	34	1.5	159	1	644	228	395	1.7	416	15	15
358	125	230	1.8	175	58	817	392	653	1.7	314	111	16
1,349	617	1,155	1.9	708	24	3,077	1,368	2,192	1.6	1,661	48	17
679	304	503	1.7	375	-----	1,175	541	853	1.6	634	-----	18
2,516	973	1,800	1.8	1,182	361	5,026	2,198	3,915	1.8	2,243	585	19
4,765	1,481	2,709	1.8	3,163	121	7,137	2,904	5,159	1.8	3,989	244	20
2,254	579	1,035	1.8	1,596	79	5,056	1,889	3,365	1.8	2,990	177	21
3,334	910	1,622	1.8	2,337	87	8,983	3,581	6,241	1.7	5,268	134	22
2,605	994	1,947	2.0	1,579	32	6,087	2,927	6,155	2.1	3,077	83	23
500	221	430	1.9	267	12	1,591	862	1,769	2.1	701	28	24
716	266	528	2.0	439	11	2,013	979	1,836	1.9	1,012	22	25
1,168	329	589	1.8	571	268	3,158	1,156	2,102	1.8	1,304	698	26
2,864	731	1,305	1.8	1,939	194	6,233	2,176	3,733	1.7	3,690	367	27
152	69	148	2.1	82	1	273	164	371	2.3	100	9	28
159	73	175	2.4	76	10	422	251	579	2.3	152	19	29
489	166	300	1.8	310	13	1,588	730	1,414	1.9	831	27	30
1,125	311	580	1.9	738	76	2,595	1,184	2,333	2.0	1,257	154	31
64	6	8	1.3	50	8	93	35	66	1.9	55	3	32
525	200	396	2.0	298	27	1,080	505	924	1.8	536	39	33
36	18	29	1.6	18	-----	90	42	81	1.9	47	1	34
1,079	335	699	2.1	339	405	1,684	678	1,318	1.9	457	549	35
743	248	532	2.1	442	53	1,161	489	984	2.0	617	55	36
677	87	199	2.3	259	331	820	179	343	1.9	334	307	37
571	159	305	1.9	367	45	1,214	480	832	1.7	659	75	38
881	170	351	2.1	441	270	1,525	497	934	1.9	644	382	40
1,501	291	602	2.1	1,040	170	2,878	905	1,664	1.8	1,787	186	41
1,420	310	604	1.9	850	260	3,034	928	1,753	1.9	1,520	586	42
1,499	82	151	1.8	853	564	1,893	299	501	1.7	1,052	542	43
1,169	133	284	2.1	586	450	1,241	290	546	1.9	549	402	44
1,535	147	309	2.1	1,097	291	2,152	458	849	1.9	1,327	367	45
782	144	287	2.0	632	6	1,324	336	644	1.9	979	9	46
1,878	540	1,102	2.0	1,261	77	4,537	1,835	3,534	1.9	2,603	99	47
5,307	537	1,040	1.9	3,676	1,094	9,325	2,121	3,777	1.8	5,412	1,792	48
359	112	204	1.8	241	6	914	419	868	2.1	491	4	49
224	86	152	1.8	133	5	646	328	719	2.2	295	23	50
167	50	91	1.8	103	14	403	178	339	1.9	200	25	51
587	169	297	1.8	407	11	1,679	730	1,298	1.8	918	31	52
190	55	93	1.7	125	10	323	145	268	1.8	174	4	53
289	84	150	1.8	199	6	515	217	427	2.0	294	4	54
193	81	157	1.9	111	1	666	351	710	2.0	314	1	55
414	169	344	2.0	245	-----	615	241	424	1.8	371	3	56
850	311	569	1.8	461	78	2,663	1,142	2,040	1.8	1,298	223	57
765	263	492	1.9	495	7	2,129	937	1,701	1.8	1,180	12	58
2,462	852	1,451	1.7	1,590	20	6,758	2,885	4,840	1.7	3,833	40	59

<sup>2</sup> All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

TABLE 25.—NUMBER OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, BY COUNTIES: 1923

COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces
ALABAMA	28,309	3,392	ALABAMA—Con.			ARKANSAS—Con.		
Autauga	258	65	Walker	892	82	Little River	328	63
Baldwin	197	22	Washington	162	11	Logan	290	18
Barbour	238	17	Wilcox	317	20	Lonoke	397	86
Bibb	286	32	Winston	147	13	Madison	126	12
Blount	280	11				Marion	122	6
Bullock	224	12	ARIZONA	3,857	804	Miller	650	46
Butler	306	46	Apache	36	7	Mississippi	1,369	113
Calhoun	632	70	Cochise	471	122	Monroe	308	95
Chambers	194	49	Coconino	154	36	Montgomery	149	9
Cherokee	90	7	Gila	345	61	Nevada	235	15
Chilton	242	34	Graham	88	12	Newton	113	10
Choctaw	167	15	Greenlee	45	11	Ouachita	603	63
Clarke	388	38	Maricopa	986	254	Perry	79	9
Clay	127	12	Mohave	92	23	Phillips	947	98
Cleburne	78	9	Navajo	133	40	Pike	103	16
Coffee	300	10	Pima	460	100	Poinsett	335	58
Colbert	301	52	Pinal	257	17	Polk	227	15
Conecuh	209	28	Santa Cruz	289	15	Pope	354	43
Coosa	111	10	Yavapai	306	62	Prairie	260	20
Covington	438	22	Yuma	195	44	Pulaski	2,222	526
Crenshaw	288	10	ARKANSAS	28,637	3,774	Randolph	211	30
Cullman	335	26	Arkansas	306	56	St. Francis	534	84
Dale	270	24	Ashley	307	44	Saline	297	10
Dallas	739	51	Baxter	96	29	Scott	131	7
De Kalb	321	21	Benton	346	51	Searcy	189	15
Elmore	386	48	Boone	185	21	Sebastian	1,082	87
Escambia	290	11	Bradley	249	35	Sevier	268	29
Etowah	625	86	Calhoun	132	16	Sharp	24	1
Fayette	193	6	Carroll	181	16	Stone	106	4
Franklin	211	13	Chicot	296	24	Union	1,072	221
Geneva	278	26	Clark	297	13	Van Buren	126	2
Greene	194	21	Clay	622	46	Washington	450	53
Hale	267	26	Cleburne	150	12	White	389	62
Henry	113	23	Cleveland	108	14	Woodruff	405	65
Houston	557	56	Columbia	390	57	Yell	230	53
Jackson	229	15	Conway	300	23	CALIFORNIA	55,190	9,381
Jefferson	6,140	894	Craighead	845	81	Alameda	4,040	912
Lamar	96	3	Crawford	367	23	Alpine	1	
Lauderdale	485	52	Crittenden	1,209	24	Amador	30	11
Lawrence	199	24	Cross	341	34	Butte	315	71
Lee	357	63	Dallas	163	17	Calaveras	22	5
Limestone	356	49	Desha	420	27	Colusa	59	18
Lowndes	214	11	Drew	324	33	Contra Costa	499	108
Macon	289	32	Faulkner	303	39	Del Norte	61	7
Madison	666	133	Franklin	286	17	Eldorado	54	4
Marengo	470	40	Fulton	112	17	Fresno	1,469	278
Marion	186	13	Garland	536	75	Glenn	63	15
Marshall	340	27	Grant	82	2	Humboldt	420	102
Mobile	1,093	199	Greene	392	35	Imperial	441	66
Monroe	297	47	Hempstead	239	53	Inyo	59	10
Montgomery	1,154	190	Hot Spring	177	21	Kern	703	165
Morgan	435	77	Howard	215	29	Kings	284	29
Perry	289	16	Independence	284	43	Lake	45	7
Pickens	188	18	Izard	104	3	Lassen	104	13
Pike	402	41	Jackson	518	92	Los Angeles	16,897	3,010
Randolph	129	20	Jefferson	1,293	370	Madera	232	21
Russell	180	41	Johnson	255	18	Marin	496	38
St. Clair	179	5	Lafayette	339	45	Mariposa	20	3
Shelby	262	26	Lawrence	381	53	Mendocino	222	45
Sumter	287	24	Lee	488	79	Merced	282	38
Talladega	599	66	Lincoln	268	43	Modoc	43	7
Tallapoosa	286	34						
Tuscaloosa	851	97						

TABLE 25.—NUMBER OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, BY COUNTIES: 1923—Con.

COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces
CALIFORNIA— Con.			COLORADO—Con.			FLORIDA—Con.		
Mono.....			Kiowa.....	18	9	Collier <sup>1</sup> .....	2	-----
Monterey.....	370	39	Kit Carson.....	82	13	Columbia.....	229	11
Napa.....	301	17	La Plata.....	129	21	Dade.....	1, 176	206
Nevada.....	89	7	Lake.....	43	4	De Soto.....	134	18
Orange.....	4, 267	141	Larimer.....	329	61	Dixie.....	38	8
Placer.....	137	30	Las Animas.....	476	97	Duval.....	2, 057	460
Plumas.....	29	3	Lincoln.....	67	8	Escambia.....	606	86
Riverside.....	1, 619	89	Logan.....	216	17	Flagler.....	45	-----
Sacramento.....	1, 629	348	Mesa.....	217	49	Franklin.....	95	3
San Benito.....	137	18	Mineral.....	4	1	Gadsden.....	288	5
San Bernardino.....	1, 551	124	Moffat.....	42	4	Glades.....	36	1
San Diego.....	2, 175	445	Montezuma.....	61	11	Hamilton.....	114	9
San Francisco.....	7, 097	2, 048	Montrose.....	120	18	Hardee.....	142	19
San Joaquin.....	1, 069	197	Morgan.....	190	26	Hendry <sup>1</sup> .....	15	1
San Luis Obispo.....	293	41	Otero.....	267	37	Hernando.....	58	3
San Mateo.....	754	61	Ouray.....	21	3	Highlands.....	97	9
Santa Barbara.....	680	61	Park.....	4	1	Hillsborough.....	1, 720	484
Santa Clara.....	1, 732	159	Phillips.....	89	4	Holmes.....	143	7
Santa Cruz.....	483	68	Pitkin.....	18	-----	Jackson.....	253	35
Shasta.....	157	26	Prowers.....	154	14	Jefferson.....	110	9
Sierra.....	10	2	Pueblo.....	679	196	Lafayette.....	91	4
Siskiyou.....	269	29	Rio Blanco.....	28	5	Lake.....	270	29
Solano.....	334	49	Rio Grande.....	81	10	Lee <sup>1</sup> .....	149	24
Sonoma.....	620	101	Routt.....	71	8	Leon.....	234	22
Stanislaus.....	545	73	Saguache.....	35	5	Levy.....	150	8
Sutter.....	59	15	San Juan.....	12	-----	Liberty.....	65	2
Tehama.....	141	30	San Miguel.....	31	8	Madison.....	170	6
Trinity.....	9	3	Sedgwick.....	154	4	Manatee.....	292	18
Tulare.....	641	85	Suamit.....	8	3	Marion.....	361	53
Tuolumne.....	71	27	Teller.....	34	20	Monroe.....	231	67
Ventura.....	719	23	Washington.....	77	15	Nassau.....	134	7
Yolo.....	200	24	Weld.....	396	60	Okaloosa.....	141	11
Yuba.....	142	15	Yuma.....	101	8	Okeechobee.....	31	5
COLORADO.....	12, 077	2, 278	CONNECTICUT.....	13, 335	1, 175	Orange.....	524	81
Adams.....	289	38	Fairfield.....	3, 446	382	Osceola.....	184	16
Alamosa.....	98	10	Hartford.....	3, 460	307	Palm Beach.....	490	94
Arapahoe.....	763	118	Litchfield.....	586	44	Pasco.....	139	18
Archuleta.....	26	7	Middlesex.....	350	16	Pinellas.....	576	100
Baca.....	80	6	New Haven.....	3, 806	257	Polk.....	873	73
Bent.....	92	11	New London.....	956	103	Putnam.....	295	35
Boulder.....	450	65	Tolland.....	212	15	St. Johns.....	377	15
Chaffee.....	75	16	Windham.....	519	51	St. Lucie.....	214	18
Cheyenne.....	28	5	DELAWARE.....	1, 339	157	Santa Rosa.....	189	14
Clear Creek.....	18	12	Kent.....	164	23	Sarasota.....	107	2
Conejos.....	72	2	New Castle.....	950	113	Seminole.....	330	38
Costilla.....	47	3	Sussex.....	225	21	Sumter.....	156	14
Crowley.....	59	4	DISTRICT OF			Suwannee.....	227	21
Custer.....	10	3	COLUMBIA.....	5, 739	126	Taylor.....	234	17
Delta.....	154	13	FLORIDA.....	17, 335	2, 469	Union.....	80	-----
Denver.....	3, 312	925	Alachua.....	518	35	Volusia.....	450	87
Dolores.....			Baker.....	76	1	Wakulla.....	81	12
Douglas.....	113	6	Bay.....	181	27	Walton.....	250	20
Eagle.....	18	8	Bradford.....	96	21	Washington.....	123	10
El Paso.....	760	157	Brevard.....	143	17	GEORGIA.....	37, 959	1, 828
Elbert.....	13	2	Broward.....	407	22	Appling.....	139	3
Fremont.....	195	30	Calhoun.....	127	12	Atkinson.....	62	2
Garfield.....	113	19	Charlotte.....	52	5	Bacon.....	83	-----
Gilpin.....	4	-----	Citrus.....	92	12	Baker.....	90	1
Grand.....	21	4	Clay.....	67	2	Baldwin.....	239	3
Gunnison.....	46	11				Banks.....	83	2
Hinsdale.....	1	-----				Barrow.....	167	10
Huerfano.....	194	30				Bartow.....	240	4
Jefferson.....	8	2				Ben Hill.....	191	9
Jefferson.....	764	31				Berrien.....	179	5

<sup>1</sup> Collier and Hendry Counties organized in 1923 from parts of Lee County.





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COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces
IDAHO—Con.			ILLINOIS—Con.			INDIANA—Con.		
Teton.....	20	3	Marion.....	390	45	Fayette.....	159	43
Twin Falls.....	201	35	Marshall.....	107	6	Floyd.....	436	86
Valley.....	23	6	Mason.....	129	12	Fountain.....	311	33
Washington.....	127	17	Massac.....	338	28	Franklin.....	130	27
ILLINOIS.....	84, 068	12, 317	Menard.....	65	8	Fulton.....	125	18
Adams.....	742	110	Mercer.....	108	7	Gibson.....	325	55
Alexander.....	420	73	Monroe.....	529	1	Grant.....	570	187
Bond.....	199	18	Montgomery.....	299	52	Greene.....	368	74
Boone.....	283	14	Morgan.....	293	31	Hamilton.....	214	52
Brown.....	66	4	Moultrie.....	117	17	Hancock.....	396	34
Bureau.....	325	27	Ogle.....	160	22	Harrison.....	110	18
Calhoun.....	37	4	Peoria.....	1, 694	428	Hendricks.....	398	22
Carroll.....	116	15	Perry.....	265	52	Henry.....	315	62
Cass.....	153	12	Piatt.....	118	12	Howard.....	513	169
Champaign.....	648	72	Pike.....	163	25	Huntington.....	264	51
Christian.....	285	59	Pope.....	86	12	Jackson.....	191	32
Clark.....	295	30	Pulaski.....	266	41	Jasper.....	109	15
Clay.....	141	10	Putnam.....	43	4	Jay.....	172	39
Clinton.....	159	8	Randolph.....	176	25	Jefferson.....	184	48
Coles.....	397	78	Richland.....	167	27	Jennings.....	139	13
Cook.....	41, 824	7, 032	Rock Island.....	1, 059	150	Johnson.....	462	24
Crawford.....	183	23	St. Clair.....	2, 215	388	Knox.....	605	156
Cumberland.....	83	7	Saline.....	400	127	Kosciusko.....	189	50
De Kalb.....	236	43	Sangamon.....	1, 566	254	La Porte.....	604	93
De Witt.....	60	35	Schuyler.....	91	10	Lagrange.....	85	13
Douglas.....	167	19	Scott.....	79	9	Lake.....	5, 784	387
Du Page.....	534	15	Shelby.....	204	18	Lawrence.....	347	78
Edgar.....	690	29	Stark.....	55	10	Madison.....	880	246
Edwards.....	81	5	Stephenson.....	496	59	Marion.....	4, 841	1, 400
Effingham.....	249	13	Tazewell.....	334	45	Marshall.....	203	37
Fayette.....	302	25	Union.....	197	18	Martin.....	84	8
Ford.....	139	11	Vermilion.....	1, 040	212	Miami.....	294	56
Franklin.....	797	157	Wabash.....	158	26	Monroe.....	274	40
Fulton.....	270	62	Warren.....	236	24	Montgomery.....	241	32
Gallatin.....	227	11	Washington.....	194	10	Morgan.....	462	36
Greene.....	111	13	Wayne.....	207	27	Newton.....	75	10
Grundy.....	120	16	White.....	227	27	Noble.....	138	35
Hamilton.....	155	21	Whiteside.....	342	54	Ohio.....	37	4
Hancock.....	165	19	Will.....	927	140	Orange.....	178	32
Hardin.....	110	16	Williamson.....	750	191	Owen.....	157	18
Henderson.....	65	3	Winnebago.....	1, 633	184	Parke.....	161	30
Henry.....	397	42	Woodford.....	115	5	Perry.....	194	19
Iroquois.....	245	26	INDIANA.....	3 40, 971	7, 403	Pike.....	185	24
Jackson.....	548	59	Adams.....	166	21	Porter.....	461	27
Jasper.....	113	8	Allen.....	1, 279	414	Posey.....	274	16
Jefferson.....	503	60	Bartholomew.....	210	41	Pulaski.....	79	12
Jersey.....	80	15	Benton.....	81	5	Putnam.....	199	41
Jo Daviess.....	285	8	Blackford.....	161	21	Randolph.....	216	26
Johnson.....	92	15	Boone.....	197	30	Ripley.....	111	11
Kane.....	1, 223	128	Brown.....	82	6	Rush.....	138	19
Kankakee.....	494	39	Carroll.....	166	22	St. Joseph.....	1, 661	422
Kendall.....	102	9	Cass.....	385	71	Scott.....	88	9
Knox.....	569	86	Clark.....	3, 309	56	Shelby.....	289	60
La Salle.....	959	97	Clay.....	446	42	Spencer.....	387	18
Lake.....	4, 021	117	Clinton.....	277	61	Starke.....	62	10
Lawrence.....	284	18	Crawford.....	94	12	Steuben.....	87	17
Lee.....	276	33	Daviess.....	277	45	Sullivan.....	351	64
Livingston.....	250	16	De Kalb.....	178	45	Switzerland.....	60	10
Logan.....	180	23	Dearborn.....	323	19	Tippecanoe.....	486	100
McDonough.....	218	20	Decatur.....	144	29	Tipton.....	126	19
McHenry.....	292	31	Delaware.....	731	253	Union.....	44	6
McLean.....	537	67	Dubois.....	174	15	Vanderburg.....	1, 406	426
Macon.....	918	120	Elkhart.....	603	154	Vermilion.....	169	45
Macoupin.....	527	73				Vigo.....	1, 502	561
Madison.....	2, 083	255						

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COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces
INDIANA—Con.			IOWA—Con.			KANSAS—Con.		
Wabash.....	212	42	Lee.....	602	109	Dickinson.....	210	21
Warren.....	94	2	Linn.....	468	278	Doniphan.....	195	4
Warrick.....	250	29	Louisa.....	52	14	Douglas.....	501	54
Washington.....	115	15	Lucas.....	159	24	Edwards.....	47	5
Wayne.....	521	80	Lyon.....	86	4	Elk.....	64	12
Wells.....	135	17	Madison.....	104	11	Ellis.....	103	7
White.....	124	16	Mahaska.....	288	71	Ellsworth.....	89	5
Whitley.....	132	15	Marion.....	173	33	Finney.....	94	11
			Marshall.....	315	73	Ford.....	161	28
			Mills.....	294	11	Franklin.....	191	24
Iowa.....	23, 516	4, 326	Mitchell.....	77	7	Geary.....	187	32
Adair.....	72	9	Monona.....	124	9	Gove.....	25	8
Adams.....	92	9	Monroe.....	143	26	Graham.....	48	10
Allamakee.....	111	2	Montgomery.....	170	17	Grant.....		2
Appanoose.....	61	37	Muscatine.....	314	84	Gray.....	28	4
Audubon.....	104	8						
Benton.....	156	28	O'Brien.....	54	6	Greeley.....	17	
Black Hawk.....	802	142	Osceola.....	106	5	Greenwood.....	132	23
Boone.....	318	36	Page.....	204	44	Hamilton.....	38	3
Bremer.....	135	15	Palo Alto.....	95	10	Harper.....	117	16
Buchanan.....	182	17	Plymouth.....	160	13	Harvey.....	445	42
Buena Vista.....	125	15	Pocahontas.....	89	9	Haskell.....	15	
Butler.....	92	10	Polk.....	2, 266	893	Hodgeman.....	15	5
Calhoun.....	143	11	Pottawattamie.....	2, 337	235	Jackson.....	142	12
Carroll.....	201	16	Poweshiek.....	95	16	Jefferson.....	60	9
Cass.....	168	21	Ringgold.....	94	18	Jewell.....	171	10
Cedar.....	95	17	Sac.....	105	12	Johnson.....	687	30
Cerro Gordo.....	370	109	Scott.....	853	241	Kearny.....	14	4
Cherokee.....	115	20	Shelby.....	97	3	Kingman.....	107	5
Chickasaw.....	279	5	Sioux.....	228	10	Kiowa.....	53	8
Clarke.....	111	21	Story.....	210	22	Labette.....	317	78
Clay.....	162	23	Tama.....	160	30	Lane.....	14	3
Clayton.....	191	17	Taylor.....	113	20	Leavenworth.....	618	106
Clinton.....	509	54	Union.....	173	32	Lincoln.....	64	1
Crawford.....	150	21	Van Buren.....	67	13	Linn.....	75	12
Dallas.....	204	39	Wapello.....	508	108	Logan.....	15	3
Davis.....	25	2	Warren.....	248	11	Lyon.....	276	54
Decatur.....	135	21	Washington.....	125	13	McPherson.....	185	10
Delaware.....	152	10	Wayne.....	101	15	Marion.....	248	10
Des Moines.....	460	101	Webster.....	424	77	Marshall.....	151	18
Dickinson.....	104	16	Winneshiek.....	63	5	Meade.....	28	5
Dubuque.....	284	61	Winneshiek.....	137	8	Miami.....	186	23
Emmet.....	82	19	Woodbury.....	1, 280	351	Mitchell.....	124	10
Fayette.....	202	31	Worth.....	76	4	Montgomery.....	831	138
Floyd.....	160	14	Wright.....	140	22	Morris.....	109	9
Franklin.....	114	13				Morton.....	31	7
			KANSAS.....	20, 876	3, 720			
Fremont.....	213	17	Allen.....	350	36	Nemaha.....	167	10
Greene.....	138	8	Anderson.....	123	16	Neosho.....	162	60
Grundy.....	89	11	Atchison.....	367	49	Ness.....	57	5
Guthrie.....	98	13	Barber.....	72	16	Norton.....	220	19
Hamilton.....	84	15	Barton.....	211	33	Osage.....	104	11
Hancock.....	81	4	Bourbon.....	304	43	Osborne.....	74	11
Hardin.....	178	13	Brown.....	228	28	Ottawa.....	66	7
Harrison.....	218	25	Butler.....	351	97	Pawnee.....	84	26
Henry.....	179	22	Chase.....	102	9	Phillips.....	146	12
Howard.....	105	2	Chautauqua.....	91	25	Pottawatomie.....	60	10
Humboldt.....	82	14	Cherokee.....	507	70	Pratt.....	134	14
Ida.....	89	6	Cheyenne.....	31	10	Rawlins.....	76	10
Iowa.....	141	13	Clark.....	24		Reno.....	501	97
Jackson.....	110	14	Clay.....	135	17	Republic.....	207	7
Jasper.....	200	34	Cloud.....	167	15	Rice.....	122	22
Jefferson.....	133	29	Coffey.....	80	11	Riley.....	196	28
Johnson.....	332	34	Comanche.....	24	6	Rooks.....	87	5
Jones.....	113	16	Cove.....	607	82	Rush.....	65	4
Keokuk.....	120	13	Crawford.....	657	185	Russell.....	64	12
Kossuth.....	170	16	Decatur.....	93	11	Saline.....	315	58



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COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vorces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vorces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vorces
KANSAS—Con.			KENTUCKY—Con.			KENTUCKY—Con.		
Scott.....	45	2	Grant.....	79	11	Shelby.....	113	15
Sedgwick.....	1,527	566	Graves.....	202	60	Simpson.....	69	12
Seward.....	115	15	Grayson.....	176	12	Spencer.....	52	4
Shawnee.....	982	300	Green.....	94	8	Taylor.....	108	17
Sheridan.....	38	4	Greenup.....	174	29	Todd.....	92	16
Sherman.....	71	7	Hancock.....	69	6	Trigg.....	86	9
Smith.....	176	23	Hardin.....	148	21	Trimble.....	31	4
Stafford.....	74	16	Harlan.....	598	170	Union.....	164	19
Stanton.....	11	3	Harrison.....	156	12	Warren.....	307	65
Stevens.....	27		Hart.....	143	14	Washington.....	120	11
Sumner.....	272	51	Henderson.....	520	50	Wayne.....	110	20
Thomas.....	84	11	Henry.....	64	21	Webster.....	154	35
Trego.....	76	5	Hickman.....	55	15	Whitley.....	280	52
Wabaunsee.....	76	3	Hopkins.....	355	95	Wolfe.....	93	22
Wallace.....	39	11	Jackson.....	144	16	Woodford.....	95	18
Washington.....	143	9	Jefferson.....	2,802	965			
Wichita.....	16	2	Jessamine.....	154	7			
Wilson.....	191	52	Johnson.....	240	41	LOUISIANA <sup>4</sup>		
Woodson.....	101	3	Kenton.....	2,216	204		22,881	2,106
Wyandotte.....	2,153	569	Knott.....	126	12	Acadia.....	424	10
			Knox.....	186	50	Allen.....	326	13
KENTUCKY.....			Larue.....	75	6	Ascension.....	216	26
Adair.....	144	10	Laurel.....	226	24	Assumption.....	148	7
Allen.....	95	8	Lawrence.....	193	30	Avozelles.....	255	26
Anderson.....	54	10	Lee.....	114	8	Beauregard.....	419	10
Ballard.....	114	19	Leslie.....	94	25	Bienville.....	229	48
Barren.....	212	27	Letcher.....	383	32	Bossier.....	289	39
Bath.....	73	11	Lewis.....	141	30	Caddo.....	1,911	367
Bell.....	304	134	Lincoln.....	181	26	Calcasieu.....	391	14
Boone.....	40	2	Livingston.....	30	10	Caldwell.....	206	13
Bourbon.....	194	24	Logan.....	185	45	Cameron.....	26	1
Boyd.....	1,244	122	Lyon.....	53	13	Catahoula.....	114	5
Boyle.....	182	26	McCracken.....	615	122	Claiborne.....	441	41
Bracken.....	96	6	McCreary.....	122	10	Concordia.....	188	1
Breathitt.....	290	45	McLean.....	80	6	De Soto.....	319	63
Breckinridge.....	141	12	Madison.....	240	24	East Baton Rouge.....	746	100
Bullitt.....	44	14	Magoffin.....	186	17	East Carroll.....	120	6
Butler.....	117	14	Marion.....	126	4	East Feliciana.....	110	7
Caldwell.....	167	28	Marshall.....	69	14	Evangeline.....	278	9
Calloway.....	119	20	Martin.....	117	9	Franklin.....	346	15
Campbell.....	2,392	156	Mason.....	246	20	Grant.....	223	21
Carlisle.....	43	6	Meade.....	67	4	Iberia.....	305	14
Carroll.....	138	6	Menifee.....	40	6	Iberville.....	241	31
Carter.....	261	11	Mercer.....	126	19	Jackson.....	118	5
Casey.....	144	11	Metcalfe.....	73	10	Jefferson.....	524	20
Christian.....	420	113	Monroe.....	80	16	Jefferson Davis.....	189	13
Clark.....	215	20	Montgomery.....	130	15	La Salle.....	156	6
Clay.....	252	12	Morgan.....	143	19	Lafayette.....	342	10
Clinton.....	59	7	Muhlenberg.....	325	5	Lafourche.....	374	8
Crittenden.....	87	16	Nelson.....	102	5	Lincoln.....	316	11
Cumberland.....	90	7	Nicholas.....	58	14	Livingston.....	101	8
Davies.....	496	121	Ohio.....	209	29	Madison.....	279	14
Edmonson.....	67	2	Oldham.....	43	5	Morehouse.....	313	20
Elliott.....	78	4	Owen.....	106	8	Natchitoches.....	379	57
Estill.....	160	11	Owsley.....	74	4	Orleans.....	3,927	497
Fayette.....	782	196	Pendleton.....	82	6	Ouachita.....	529	65
Fleming.....	118	8	Perry.....	591	63	Plaquemines.....	48	6
Floyd.....	369	31	Pike.....	405	41	Pointe Coupee.....	227	7
Franklin.....	222	23	Powell.....	53	3	Rapides.....	916	75
Fulton.....	208	45	Pulaski.....	355	41	Red River.....	222	1
Gallatin.....	59	6	Robertson.....	27	1	Richland.....	387	21
Garrard.....	79	9	Rockcastle.....	201	27	Sabine.....	252	31
			Rowan.....	101	10	St. Bernard.....	374	2
			Russell.....	93	3	St. Charles.....	82	2
			Scott.....	178	15			

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LOUISIANA <sup>4</sup> —Con.			MASSACHUSETTS	35, 200	3, 583	MICHIGAN—Con.		
St. Helena.....	59	7	Barnstable.....	206	25	Manistee.....	160	23
St. James.....	144	4	Berkshire.....	893	121	Marquette.....	364	17
St. John the Bap- tist.....	94	1	Bristol.....	3, 700	329	Mason.....	165	20
St. Landry.....	282	39	Dukes.....	36	5	Mecosta.....	147	16
St. Martin.....	216	4	Essex.....	4, 266	514	Menominee.....	875	8
St. Mary.....	379	22	Franklin.....	435	51	Midland.....	136	22
St. Tammany.....	212	19	Hampden.....	2, 491	259	Missaukee.....	51	8
Tangipahoa.....	466	10	Hampshire.....	555	34	Monroe.....	2, 216	36
Tensas.....	169	5	Middlesex.....	6, 752	660	Montcalm.....	243	41
Terrebonne.....	313	10	Nantucket.....	22	6	Montmorency.....	27	3
Union.....	170	11	Norfolk.....	1, 717	159	Muskegon.....	829	201
Vermilion.....	309	8	Plymouth.....	1, 288	136	Newaygo.....	108	16
Vernon.....	336	87	Suffolk.....	8, 941	946	Oakland.....	1, 007	179
Washington.....	383	16	Worcester.....	3, 898	338	Oceana.....	117	20
Webster.....	398	49				Ogemaw.....	61	10
West Baton Rouge.....	170	7	MICHIGAN.....	49, 569	8, 692	Ontonagon.....	49	9
West Carroll.....	163	6	Alcona.....	34	4	Oscoda.....	121	15
West Feliciana.....	60	10	Alger.....	72	15	Oscoda.....	5	3
Winn.....	232	14	Allegan.....	274	51	Otsego.....	44	5
			Alpena.....	161	20	Ottawa.....	526	45
			Antrim.....	66	14	Presque Isle.....	108	10
MAINE.....	6, 842	1, 223	Arenac.....	56	5	Roscommon.....	11	2
Androscoggin.....	694	125	Baraga.....	42	3	Saginaw.....	999	211
Aroostook.....	587	69	Barry.....	189	39	St. Clair.....	676	114
Cumberland.....	1, 299	213	Bay.....	688	118	St. Joseph.....	352	43
Franklin.....	166	30	Benzie.....	59	11	Sanilac.....	204	21
Hancock.....	262	37	Berrien.....	1, 797	173	Schoolcraft.....	82	9
Kennebec.....	570	155	Branch.....	364	45	Shiawassee.....	412	63
Knox.....	252	47	Calhoun.....	992	261	Tuscola.....	213	30
Lincoln.....	119	15	Cass.....	242	48	Van Buren.....	276	68
Oxford.....	345	56	Charlevoix.....	102	22	Washtenaw.....	617	114
Penobscot.....	838	192	Cheboygan.....	125	23	Wayne.....	19, 394	4, 137
Piscataquis.....	171	32	Chippewa.....	245	23	Wexford.....	184	33
Sagadahoc.....	139	35	Clare.....	61	13			
Somerset.....	279	57	Clinton.....	150	29	MINNESOTA.....	24, 785	2, 729
Waldo.....	148	38	Crawford.....	42	2	Aitkin.....	111	14
Washington.....	225	40	Delta.....	266	21	Anoka.....	151	13
York.....	748	82	Dickinson.....	246	12	Becker.....	165	20
			Eaton.....	289	54	Beltrami.....	204	46
MARYLAND.....	25, 678	1, 605	Emmet.....	153	28	Benton.....	98	10
Allegany.....	3, 375	81	Genesee.....	1, 911	423	Big Stone.....	70	4
Anne Arundel.....	419	29	Gladwin.....	48	4	Blue Earth.....	271	16
Baltimore.....	623	29	Gogebic.....	525	28	Brown.....	185	6
Baltimore city.....	8, 136	1, 190	Grand Traverse.....	182	34	Carlton.....	196	17
Calvert.....	48	4	Gratiot.....	267	47	Carver.....	143	4
Caroline.....	139	—	Hillsdale.....	592	43	Cass.....	129	17
Carroll.....	348	20	Houghton.....	387	25	Chippewa.....	106	5
Cecil.....	4, 970	—	Huron.....	237	15	Chisago.....	124	2
Charles.....	97	2	Ingham.....	1, 261	277	Clay.....	625	26
Dorchester.....	214	—	Ionia.....	333	63	Clearwater.....	60	4
Frederick.....	690	61	Iosco.....	57	10	Cook.....	10	—
Garrett.....	1, 121	12	Iron.....	234	8	Cottonwood.....	92	6
Harford.....	308	15	Isabella.....	164	19	Crow Wing.....	221	26
Howard.....	1, 058	11	Jackson.....	901	255	Dakota.....	324	26
Kent.....	173	10	Kalamazoo.....	880	236	Dodge.....	81	4
Montgomery.....	611	15	Kalkaska.....	35	11	Douglas.....	139	4
Prince Georges.....	224	23	Kent.....	2, 425	387	Faribault.....	194	8
Queen Annes.....	97	4	Keweenaw.....	1	1	Fillmore.....	202	9
St. Marys.....	112	—	Lake.....	22	3	Freeborn.....	293	14
Somerset.....	191	16	Lapeer.....	176	23	Goodhue.....	243	21
Talbot.....	204	8	Leelanau.....	42	3	Grant.....	69	2
Washington.....	1, 904	66	Lenawee.....	678	95	Hennepin.....	5, 697	1, 095
Wisconsin.....	342	—	Livingston.....	129	26	Houston.....	115	2
Worcester.....	274	9	Luce.....	43	8	Hubbard.....	84	14
			Mackinac.....	45	9	Isanti.....	77	—
			Macomb.....	500	55			

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MINNESOTA— Con.			MISSISSIPPI—Con.			MISSISSIPPI—Con.		
Itasca.....	190	26	Bolivar.....	1, 198	50	Tishomingo.....	198	9
Jackson.....	135	5	Calhoun.....	136	7	Tunica.....	473	9
Kanabec.....	50	2	Carroll.....	142	16	Union.....	264	30
Kandiyohi.....	150	8	Chickasaw.....	366	14	Walthall.....	180	13
Kittson.....	62	4	Choctaw.....	143	17	Warren.....	590	125
Koochiching.....	94	34	Claiborne.....	135	15	Washington.....	985	63
Lac qui Parle.....	115	5	Clarke.....	313	44	Wayne.....	125	13
Lake.....	80	7	Clay.....	250	28	Webster.....	111	15
Lake of the Woods.....	43	6	Coahoma.....	1, 186	44	Wilkinson.....	141	16
Le Sueur.....	103	7	Copiah.....	361	31	Winston.....	191	28
Lincoln.....	70	4	Covington.....	140	21	Yalobusha.....	193	35
Lyon.....	139	20	De Soto.....	412	19	Yazoo.....	410	34
McLeod.....	168	9	Forrest.....	461	50			
Mahnomen.....	27	2	Franklin.....	245	14	MISSOURI.....	41, 807	9, 115
Marshall.....	118	2	George.....	103	5	Adair.....	282	45
Martin.....	196	9	Greene.....	173	4	Andrew.....	326	6
Meeker.....	102	6	Grenada.....	253	22	Atchison.....	166	23
Mille Lacs.....	101	10	Hancock.....	138	11	Audrain.....	213	32
Morrison.....	168	12	Harrison.....	576	60	Barry.....	194	21
Mower.....	237	13	Hinds.....	918	156	Barton.....	504	29
Murray.....	96	5	Holmes.....	491	34	Bates.....	161	30
Nicollet.....	103	8	Humphreys.....	435	26	Benton.....	100	10
Nobles.....	155	11	Issaquena.....	93	5	Bollinger.....	94	9
Norman.....	107	7	Itawamba.....	184	4	Boone.....	267	47
Olmsted.....	270	16	Jackson.....	291	19	Buchanan.....	1, 370	426
Otter Tail.....	362	12	Jasper.....	202	14	Butler.....	347	54
Pennington.....	83	4	Jefferson.....	130	22	Caldwell.....	61	11
Pine.....	164	8	Jefferson Davis.....	144	17	Callaway.....	159	28
Pipestone.....	104	5	Jones.....	544	61	Camden.....	69	7
Polk.....	401	28	Kemper.....	244	34	Cape Girardeau.....	348	61
Pope.....	100	1	Lafayette.....	183	27	Carroll.....	140	9
Ramsey.....	3, 758	540	Lamar.....	202	20	Carter.....	67	2
Red Lake.....	56	2	Lauderdale.....	888	104	Cass.....	161	11
Redwood.....	150	9	Lawrence.....	125	20	Cedar.....	123	17
Renville.....	176	7	Leake.....	151	10	Chariton.....	141	31
Rice.....	233	15	Lee.....	425	27	Christian.....	206	13
Rock.....	101	3	Leflore.....	821	27	Clark.....	166	14
Roseau.....	75	3	Lincoln.....	350	29	Clay.....	873	40
St. Louis.....	2, 071	265	Lowndes.....	590	37	Clinton.....	101	25
Scott.....	144	2	Madison.....	337	57	Cole.....	338	41
Sherburne.....	77	5	Marion.....	219	26	Cooper.....	132	15
Sibley.....	122	9	Marshall.....	279	34	Crawford.....	97	9
Stearns.....	452	17	Monroe.....	447	44	Dade.....	123	11
Steele.....	188	9	Montgomery.....	175	19	Dallas.....	118	9
Stevens.....	67	5	Neshoba.....	366	17	Daviess.....	116	12
Swift.....	113	6	Newton.....	213	18	De Kalb.....	81	4
Todd.....	173	8	Noxubee.....	328	28	Dent.....	105	15
Traverse.....	47	4	Oktibbeha.....	226	21	Douglas.....	175	26
Wabasha.....	155	4	Panola.....	357	33	Dunklin.....	502	170
Wadena.....	127	11	Pearl River.....	269	30	Franklin.....	338	30
Waseca.....	97	8	Perry.....	159	12	Gasconade.....	87	4
Washington.....	283	23	Pike.....	435	67	Gentry.....	119	16
Watonwan.....	74	2	Pontotoc.....	181	12	Greene.....	1, 157	283
Wilkin.....	126	8	Prentiss.....	248	19	Grundy.....	174	34
Winona.....	814	20	Quitman.....	468	20	Harrison.....	159	19
Wright.....	215	17	Rankin.....	184	24	Henry.....	253	30
Yellow Medicine.....	119	1	Scott.....	292	37	Hickory.....	53	7
			Sharkey.....	362	10	Holt.....	61	10
			Simpson.....	307	47	Howard.....	93	20
MISSISSIPPI.....	27, 163	2, 444	Smith.....	110	8	Howell.....	237	36
Adams.....	298	33	Stone.....	75	6	Iron.....	167	7
Alcorn.....	364	38	Sunflower.....	966	48	Jackson.....	6, 131	2, 460
Amite.....	195	36	Tallahatchie.....	588	52	Jasper.....	745	455
Attala.....	351	50	Tate.....	110	23	Jefferson.....	377	30
Benton.....	67	7	Tippah.....	184	12			

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MISSOURI—Con.			MONTANA.....	5,300	1,273	NEBRASKA—Con.		
Johnson.....	160	28	Beaverhead.....	70	22	Boone.....	76	8
Knox.....	73	9	Big Horn.....	92	11	Box Butte.....	117	8
Laclede.....	150	19	Blaine.....	48	7	Boyd.....	42	6
Lafayette.....	216	37	Broadwater.....	26	8	Brown.....	38	5
Lawrence.....	241	31	Carbon.....	110	24	Buffalo.....	186	20
Lewis.....	86	19	Carter.....	17	5	Burt.....	41	16
Lincoln.....	90	8	Cascade.....	440	122	Butler.....	91	9
Linn.....	225	48	Chouteau.....	46	4	Cass.....	101	21
Livingston.....	263	17	Custer.....	148	41	Cedar.....	62	11
McDonald.....	133	18	Daniels.....	42	9	Chase.....	27	2
Macon.....	278	42	Dawson.....	126	12	Cherry.....	36	3
Madison.....	69	4	Deer Lodge.....	129	11	Cheyenne.....	58	14
Maries.....	72	1	Fallon.....	72	7	Clay.....	71	8
Marion.....	639	5	Fergus.....	168	65	Colfax.....	61	3
Mercer.....	132	17	Flathead <sup>6</sup> .....	208	58	Cuming.....	85	6
Miller.....	115	8	Gallatin.....	146	31	Custer.....	105	31
Mississippi.....	252	44	Garfield.....	22	3	Dakota.....	227	15
Moniteau.....	112	7	Glacier.....	48	9	Dawes.....	87	17
Monroe.....	102	15	Golden Valley.....	7	—	Dawson.....	90	15
Montgomery.....	92	11	Granite.....	11	4	Deuel.....	4	—
Morgan.....	114	8	Hill.....	138	38	Dixon.....	21	4
New Madrid.....	373	92	Jefferson.....	39	3	Dodge.....	198	40
Newton.....	680	43	Judith Basin.....	18	9	Douglas.....	1,941	926
Nodaway.....	195	22	Lake <sup>6</sup> .....	25	9	Dundy.....	19	6
Oregon.....	106	17	Lewis and Clark.....	245	57	Fillmore.....	44	7
Osage.....	56	5	Liberty.....	9	1	Franklin.....	49	5
Ozark.....	85	10	Lincoln.....	71	11	Frontier.....	21	4
Pemiscot.....	550	94	McCone.....	12	1	Furnas.....	71	15
Perry.....	93	2	Madison.....	25	8	Gage.....	175	50
Pettis.....	390	71	Meagher.....	15	5	Garden.....	10	7
Phelps.....	161	28	Mineral.....	18	8	Garfield.....	24	2
Pike.....	205	34	Missoula <sup>6</sup> .....	358	80	Gosper.....	12	2
Platte.....	57	8	Musselshell.....	52	16	Grant.....	6	—
Polk.....	181	12	Park.....	141	31	Greeley.....	40	1
Pulaski.....	100	16	Phillips.....	53	9	Hall.....	247	47
Putnam.....	150	13	Pondera.....	48	2	Hamilton.....	66	7
Ralls.....	96	15	Powder River.....	14	1	Harlan.....	36	8
Randolph.....	336	64	Powell.....	57	6	Hayes.....	8	2
Ray.....	167	36	Prairie.....	34	5	Hitchcock.....	27	2
Reynolds.....	83	5	Ravalli.....	64	17	Holt.....	93	9
Ripley.....	110	10	Richland.....	73	4	Hooker.....	15	1
St. Charles.....	1,089	17	Roosevelt.....	120	30	Howard.....	78	3
St. Clair.....	118	16	Rosebud.....	65	12	Jefferson.....	125	16
St. Francois.....	321	41	Sanders.....	43	12	Johnson.....	48	5
St. Louis.....	1,409	205	Sheridan.....	73	5	Kearney.....	51	5
St. Louis city.....	9,899	2,687	Silver Bow.....	788	283	Keith.....	41	2
Ste. Genevieve.....	84	2	Stillwater.....	49	6	Keyapaha.....	14	1
Saline.....	253	43	Sweet Grass.....	29	4	Kimball.....	27	5
Schuyler.....	91	8	Teton.....	36	6	Knox.....	106	9
Scotland.....	104	14	Toole.....	59	14	Lancaster.....	718	230
Scott.....	230	44	Treasure.....	5	2	Lincoln.....	135	31
Shannon.....	93	18	Valley.....	86	9	Logan.....	20	2
Shelby.....	79	19	Wheatland.....	44	8	Loup.....	17	—
Stoddard.....	332	48	Wibaux.....	44	3	McPherson.....	1	3
Stone.....	135	26	Yellowstone.....	374	105	Madison.....	150	23
Sullivan.....	103	16				Merrick.....	86	7
Taney.....	77	13	NEBRASKA.....	9,149	2,077	Morrill.....	65	11
Texas.....	147	17	Adams.....	175	34	Nance.....	51	8
Vernon.....	277	65	Antelope.....	83	3	Nemaha.....	49	13
Warren.....	73	4	Arthur.....	4	—	Nuckolls.....	61	9
Washington.....	132	12	Banner.....	3	1	Otoe.....	122	25
Wayne.....	61	10	Blaine.....	5	5	Pawnee.....	53	10
Webster.....	129	11				Perkins.....	21	3
Worth.....	69	13				Phelps.....	64	7
Wright.....	137	19				Pierce.....	72	10

<sup>6</sup> Lake County organized Aug. 10, 1923, from parts of Flathead and Missoula Counties.

TABLE 25.—NUMBER OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, BY COUNTIES: 1923—Con.

COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces
NEBRASKA—Con.			NEW JERSEY— Con.			NEW YORK—Con.		
Platte	192	10	Cumberland	456	38	Columbia	293	21
Polk	86	10	Essex	6,541	395	Cortland	264	17
Redwillow	107	12	Gloucester	286	22	Delaware	439	12
Richardson	103	20	Hudson	6,507	385	Dutchess	739	37
Rock	25	4				Erie	6,658	362
Saline	99	3	Hunterdon	196	5	Essex	258	6
Sarpy	312	5	Mercer	1,415	106	Franklin	127	17
Saunders	141	7	Middlesex	1,284	61	Fulton	383	60
Scotts Bluff	123	39	Monmouth	1,066	78	Genesee	330	9
Seward	108	14				Greene	178	11
Sheridan	49	10	Morris	626	45			
Sherman	64	5	Ocean	212	9	Hamilton	26	(7)
Sioux	34	2	Passaic	2,600	209	Herkimer	508	12
Stanton	52	5	Salem	179	7	Jefferson	665	49
Thayer	69	8	Somerset	374	10	Kings	17,209	1,096
Thomas	12	6	Sussex	153	7	Lewis	158	4
Thurston	54	26	Union	1,649	105	Livingston	286	1
Valley	62	8	Warren	263	23	Madison	289	24
Washington	74	6				Monroe	3,501	155
Wayne	69	2	NEW MEXICO	4,463	513	Montgomery	533	47
Webster	57	7				Nassau	1,100	28
Wheeler	2		Bernalillo	565	107	New York	39,961	977
York	132	24	Catron	19		Niagara	1,261	43
			Chaves	164	28	Oneida	1,915	69
			Colfax	316	29	Onondaga	2,148	151
			Curry	160	37	Ontario	853	4
NEVADA	1,012	1,029	De Baca	31	2	Orange	990	58
Churchill	34	12	Dona Ana	439	27	Orleans	205	8
Clark	65	62	Eddy	130	16	Oswego	556	13
Douglas	20	6	Grant	231	49	Otsego	352	30
Elko	85	39	Guadalupe	60	5	Putnam	140	1
Esmeralda	30	10				Queens	2,764	86
Eureka	13	6	Harding	43	2	Rensselaer	1,150	44
Humboldt	45	10	Hidalgo	155	8	Richmond	834	14
Lander	12	9	Lea	8	1	Rockland	426	24
Lincoln	18	6	Lincoln	59	9	St. Lawrence	696	23
			Luna	119	9			
Lyon	17	10	McKinley	170	33	Saratoga	525	30
Mineral	4	5	Mora	66	5	Schenectady	913	48
Nye	41	39	Otero	92	14	Schoharie	173	28
Ormsby	54	10	Quay	85	11	Schuyler	130	3
						Seneca	160	4
Pershing	20	12	Rio Arriba	94	10	Steuben	773	64
Storey	17	21	Roosevelt	53	12	Suffolk	846	14
Washoe	445	734	San Juan	71	13	Sullivan	253	3
White Pine	92	38	San Miguel	453	16	Tioga	265	5
NEW HAMPSHIRE	4,824	753	Sandoval	142		Tompkins	326	10
Belknap	220	43	Santa Fe	175	21	Ulster	624	28
Carroll	127	28	Sierra	24	3	Warren	282	19
Cheshire	368	56	Socorro	101	7	Washington	398	16
Coos	346	65	Taos	109	6	Wayne	373	6
Grafton	427	90	Torrance	76	5	Westchester	3,022	81
			Union	109	18	Wyoming	238	9
Hillsborough	1,493	192	Valencia	144	10	Yates	148	4
Merrimack	431	88						
Rockingham	805	93	NEW YORK	111,387	4,443	NORTH CAROLINA	24,028	1,504
Strafford	388	5	Albany	1,864	64	Alamance	360	13
Sullivan	219	44	Allegany	290	7	Alexander	103	4
			Bronx	5,662	192	Alleghany	84	2
			Broome	1,373	68	Anson	178	10
			Cattaraugus	850	39	Ashe	155	3
NEW JERSEY	28,730	1,854						
Atlantic	1,004	61	Cayuga	497	26	Avery	49	9
Bergen	1,659	127	Chautauqua	2,001	105	Beaufort	357	19
Burlington	544	35	Chemung	677	22	Bertie	171	26
Camden	1,505	117	Chenango	303	27	Bladen	138	2
Cape May	211	9	Clinton	316	8	Brunswick	89	9

<sup>7</sup> Included in Fulton County.

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COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces
NORTH CARO- LINA—Con.			NORTH CARO- LINA—Con.			NORTH DAKO- TA—Con.		
Buncombe.....	737	99	Randolph.....	232	3	Ramsey.....	116	18
Burke.....	187	6	Richmond.....	158	13	Ransom.....	38	4
Cabarrus.....	370	11	Robeson.....	191	31	Renville.....	34	5
Caldwell.....	201	7	Rockingham.....	421	18	Richland.....	98	13
Camden.....	90	1	Rowan.....	409	24	Rolette.....	76	5
Carteret.....	138	4	Rutherford.....	226	18	Sargent.....	37	2
Caswell.....	75	3	Sampson.....	288	4	Sheridan.....	55	1
Catawba.....	314	29	Scotland.....	114	2	Sioux.....	26	6
Chatham.....	193	5	Stanly.....	243	13	Slope.....	12	3
Cherokee.....	70	19	Stokes.....	132	2	Stark.....	134	11
Chowan.....	107	10	Surry.....	273	7	Steele.....	28	2
Clay.....	27	—	Swain.....	139	6	Stutsman.....	176	17
Cleveland.....	236	14	Transylvania.....	77	9	Towner.....	54	3
Columbus.....	201	12	Tyrrell.....	45	—	Traill.....	41	2
Craven.....	293	11	Union.....	176	13	Walsh.....	136	4
Cumberland.....	442	14	Vance.....	292	20	Ward.....	314	57
Currituck.....	82	2	Wake.....	935	47	Wells.....	92	1
Dare.....	48	2	Warren.....	225	4	Williams.....	89	14
Davidson.....	343	16	Washington.....	109	5	OHIO.....		
Davidson.....	137	2	Watauga.....	76	2	56,031 11,902		
Duplin.....	245	13	Wayne.....	535	46	Adams.....	142	27
Durham.....	674	58	Wilkes.....	239	11	Allen.....	679	179
Edgecombe.....	424	33	Wilson.....	421	29	Ashland.....	257	52
Forsyth.....	1,026	85	Yadkin.....	153	2	Ashtabula.....	497	72
Franklin.....	285	1	Yancey.....	75	2	Athens.....	412	43
Gaston.....	422	70	NORTH DAKOTA.....			4,006 430		
Gates.....	69	—	Adams.....	33	5	Auglaize.....	225	24
Graham.....	37	1	Barnes.....	94	6	Belmont.....	633	167
Granville.....	252	11	Benson.....	88	5	Brown.....	194	21
Greene.....	111	10	Billings.....	14	2	Butler.....	1,095	190
Guilford.....	1,159	87	Bottineau.....	77	6	Carroll.....	130	18
Halifax.....	386	33	Bowman.....	19	3	Champaign.....	157	31
Harnett.....	203	6	Burke.....	63	1	Clark.....	634	208
Haywood.....	244	26	Burleigh.....	114	28	Clermont.....	148	33
Henderson.....	202	15	Cass.....	202	65	Clinton.....	184	42
Hertford.....	93	2	Cavalier.....	76	2	Columbiana.....	743	208
Hoke.....	132	5	Dickey.....	38	5	Coshocton.....	242	53
Hyde.....	100	3	Divide.....	45	1	Crawford.....	289	78
Iredell.....	319	20	Dunn.....	49	—	Cuyahoga.....	12,042	2,775
Jackson.....	110	5	Eddy.....	49	8	Darke.....	313	38
Johnston.....	480	6	Emmons.....	80	2	Defiance.....	147	34
Jones.....	60	—	Foster.....	33	2	Delaware.....	240	38
Lee.....	178	5	Golden Valley.....	8	5	Erie.....	233	64
Lenoir.....	336	26	Grand Forks.....	224	43	Fairfield.....	335	60
Lincoln.....	126	4	Grant.....	67	6	Payette.....	155	43
McDowell.....	196	10	Griggs.....	35	1	Franklin.....	3,850	838
Macon.....	42	3	Hettinger.....	53	1	Fulton.....	133	20
Madison.....	131	11	Kidder.....	50	2	Gallia.....	302	37
Martin.....	215	9	La Moure.....	56	2	Geauga.....	98	20
Mecklenburg.....	866	67	Logan.....	52	1	Greene.....	263	61
Mitchell.....	56	2	McHenry.....	88	2	Guernsey.....	355	42
Montgomery.....	146	2	McIntosh.....	80	2	Hamilton.....	4,506	979
Moore.....	182	9	McKenzie.....	26	4	Hancock.....	308	26
Nash.....	434	36	McLean.....	90	11	Hardin.....	226	53
New Hanover.....	310	31	Mercer.....	76	2	Harrison.....	154	15
Northampton.....	122	15	Morton.....	159	20	Henry.....	156	15
Onslow.....	104	6	Mountrail.....	76	7	Highland.....	204	39
Orange.....	164	8	Nelson.....	54	4	Hocking.....	229	21
Pamlico.....	84	3	Oliver.....	34	—	Holmes.....	123	15
Pasquotank.....	310	15	Pembina.....	75	7	Huron.....	249	73
Pender.....	122	8	Pierce.....	73	1	Jackson.....	235	42
Perquimans.....	99	4				Jefferson.....	701	126
Person.....	121	—				Knox.....	246	23
Pitt.....	474	46				Lake.....	235	50
Polk.....	18	3				Lawrence.....	905	121
						Licking.....	484	129



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OHIO—Con.			OKLAHOMA—Con.			OREGON—Con.		
Logan	198	31	Delaware	101	12	Coos	277	104
Loran	735	219	Dewey	76	9	Crook	44	11
Lucas	2, 455	773	Ellis	59	9	Curry	17	7
Madison	113	26	Garfield	544	127	Deschutes	116	28
Mahoning	1, 724	203	Garvin	460	53	Douglas	189	37
Marion	396	101	Grady	426	83	Gilliam	22	13
Medina	202	31	Grant	134	17	Grant	40	70
Meigs	207	20	Greer	202	27	Harney	31	7
Mercer	155	17	Harmon	98	10	Hood River	72	9
Miami	392	51	Harper	41	2	Jackson	229	75
Monroe	103	6	Haskell	248	40	Jefferson	27	2
Montgomery	2, 222	665	Hughes	329	61	Josephine	91	21
Morgan	101	6	Jackson	231	40	Klamath	146	56
Morrow	114	14	Jefferson	300	28	Lake	18	9
Muskingum	640	68	Johnston	149	22	Lane	420	85
Noble	133	4	Kay	706	155	Lincoln	71	19
Ottawa	165	34	Kingfisher	130	30	Linn	231	38
Paulding	93	21	Kiowa	218	26	Malheur	62	15
Perry	299	48	Latimer	147	32	Marion	483	57
Pickaway	176	50	Le Flore	553	94	Morrow	33	9
Pike	121	13	Lincoln	340	62	Multnomah	2, 499	1, 231
Portage	276	61	Logan	472	66	Polk	111	18
Preble	151	18	Love	126	16	Sherman	29	1
Putnam	170	18	McClain	181	13	Tillamook	103	24
Richland	478	142	McCurtain	402	95	Umatilla	180	81
Ross	358	76	McIntosh	330	34	Union	174	62
Sandusky	226	45	Major	90	11	Wallowa	63	23
Scioto	680	160	Marshall	155	26	Wasco	145	36
Seneca	300	63	Mayes	225	30	Washington	198	53
Shelby	202	9	Murray	183	21	Wheeler	14	3
Stark	1, 937	537	Muskogee	984	279	Yamhill	158	52
Summit	3, 000	532	Noble	317	50	PENNSYLVANIA		
Trumbull	831	201	Nowata	248	27	Adams	230	7
Tuscarawas	697	108	Okfuskee	356	65	Allegheny	11, 862	1, 160
Union	134	24	Oklahoma	1, 906	973	Armstrong	652	51
Van Wert	225	16	Okmulgee	796	219	Beaver	815	98
Vinton	111	6	Osage	445	196	Bedford	187	19
Warren	186	52	Ottawa	615	155	Berks	1, 879	269
Washington	392	38	Pawnee	203	37	Blair	1, 068	95
Wayne	288	66	Payne	346	76	Bradford	501	198
Williams	148	21	Pittsburg	527	136	Bucks	554	35
Wood	284	38	Pontotoc	294	130	Butler	720	78
Wyandot	125	27	Pottawatomie	457	100	Cambria	1, 551	73
OKLAHOMA			Pushmataha	249	21	Cameron	55	3
	25, 843	6, 415	Roger Mills	90	15	Carbon	506	19
Adair	98	12	Rogers	289	65	Centre	288	28
Alfalfa	86	18	Seminole	173	40	Chester	705	74
Atoka	210	25	Sequoyah	259	46	Clarion	266	11
Beaver	72	9	Stephens	344	76	Clearfield	803	76
Beckham	278	65	Texas	80	19	Clinton	309	16
Blaine	125	21	Tillman	230	32	Columbia	356	20
Bryan	498	28	Tulsa	1, 856	901	Crawford	488	52
Caddo	358	50	Wagoner	333	30	Cumberland	277	34
Canadian	400	59	Washington	380	128	Dauphin	1, 586	205
Carter	595	276	Washita	197	18	Delaware	2, 280	106
Cherokee	185	37	Woods	140	24	Elk	240	11
Choctaw	446	71	Woodward	172	20	Erie	1, 495	314
Cimarron	32	2	OREGON			Fayett	1, 680	197
Cleveland	273	9		7, 151	2, 894	Foreste	32	1
Coal	156	28				Franklin	337	17
Comanche	339	145	Baker	185	67	Fulton	38	—
Cotton	172	27	Benton	146	25	Greene	207	1
Craig	174	41	Clackamas	279	319			
Creek	1, 202	343	Clatsop	146	203			
Custer	199	20	Columbia	102	87			

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PENNSYLVANIA— Con.			SOUTH CARO- LINA—Con.			SOUTH DAKOTA— Con.		
Huntingdon.....	346	29	Darlington.....	386	—	Hanson.....	34	2
Indiana.....	614	48	Dillon.....	886	—	Harding.....	15	4
Jefferson.....	496	24	Dorchester.....	166	—	Hughes.....	89	14
Juniata.....	117	3	Edgefield.....	189	—	Hutchinson.....	94	—
Lackawanna.....	2,952	246	Fairfield.....	219	—	Hyde.....	61	3
Lancaster.....	1,483	134	Florence.....	640	—	Jackson.....	19	2
Lawrence.....	1,098	117	Georgetown.....	242	—	Jerauld.....	44	2
Lebanon.....	574	72	Greenville.....	1,420	—	Jones.....	31	3
Lehigh.....	1,523	146	Greenwood.....	420	—	Kingsbury.....	71	7
Luzerne.....	3,225	203	Hampton.....	219	—	Lake.....	81	11
Lycoming.....	809	119	Horry.....	431	—	Lawrence.....	157	36
McKean.....	303	53	Jasper.....	76	—	Lincoln.....	110	8
Mercer.....	850	81	Kershaw.....	306	—	Lyman.....	37	15
Mifflin.....	249	26	Lancaster.....	530	—	McCook.....	64	2
Monroe.....	250	28	Laurens.....	404	—	McPherson.....	64	3
Montgomery.....	1,511	125	Lee.....	238	—	Marshall.....	75	4
Montour.....	98	9	Lexington.....	360	—	Meade.....	72	6
Northampton.....	1,308	143	McCormick.....	114	—	Mellette.....	46	4
Northumberland.....	1,017	90	Marion.....	424	—	Miner.....	57	2
Perry.....	121	15	Marlboro.....	1,136	—	Minnehaha.....	612	117
Philadelphia.....	17,698	1,578	Newberry.....	408	—	Moody.....	57	—
Pike.....	59	24	Oconee.....	269	—	Pennington.....	200	44
Potter.....	104	29	Orangeburg.....	577	—	Perkins.....	47	4
Schuylkill.....	1,689	78	Pickens.....	300	—	Potter.....	62	2
Snyder.....	149	9	Richland.....	891	—	Roberts.....	106	12
Somerset.....	422	27	Saluda.....	170	—	Sanborn.....	47	2
Sullivan.....	61	6	Spartanburg.....	1,448	—	Shannon.....	( <sup>9</sup> )	( <sup>9</sup> )
Susquehanna.....	333	29	Sumter.....	507	—	Spink.....	123	10
Tioga.....	239	60	Union.....	315	—	Stanley.....	14	1
Union.....	166	5	Williamsburg.....	325	—	Sully.....	14	—
Venango.....	465	82	York.....	865	—	Todd.....	( <sup>9</sup> )	( <sup>9</sup> )
Warren.....	308	62	SOUTH DAKOTA			Tripp.....	164	11
Washington.....	1,198	126	6,255			Turner.....	114	8
Wayne.....	190	25	586			Union.....	250	3
Westmoreland.....	2,398	224	Armstrong.....	( <sup>9</sup> )	( <sup>9</sup> )	Walworth.....	64	5
Wyoming.....	86	21	Aurora.....	49	3	Washabaugh.....	( <sup>9</sup> )	( <sup>9</sup> )
York.....	1,190	163	Beadle.....	220	27	Washington.....	( <sup>9</sup> )	( <sup>9</sup> )
RHODE ISLAND.....			Bennett.....	36	5	Yankton.....	147	8
Bristol.....	245	17	Bon Homme.....	110	4	Ziebach.....	37	—
Kent.....	369	49	Brookings.....	139	9	TENNESSEE.....		
Newport.....	307	44	Brown.....	402	44	Anderson.....	214	27
Providence.....	5,039	692	Brule.....	70	2	Bedford.....	209	25
Washington.....	239	25	Buffalo.....	14	5	Benton.....	149	13
SOUTH CAROLINA			Butte.....	78	14	Bledsoe.....	67	14
Abbeville.....	210	( <sup>8</sup> )	Campbell.....	60	1	Blount.....	385	30
Aiken.....	579	—	Charles Mix.....	125	12	Bradley.....	202	31
Allendale.....	260	—	Clark.....	82	3	Campbell.....	468	37
Anderson.....	747	—	Clay.....	60	8	Cannon.....	62	—
Bamberg.....	219	—	Codington.....	224	15	Carroll.....	263	6
Barnwell.....	184	—	Corson.....	98	7	Carter.....	261	21
Beaufort.....	203	—	Custer.....	24	1	Cheatham.....	86	4
Berkeley.....	192	—	Davison.....	227	3	Chester.....	120	12
Calhoun.....	156	—	Day.....	96	7	Claiborne.....	1,080	53
Charleston.....	911	—	Deuel.....	58	1	Clay.....	280	3
Cherokee.....	650	—	Dewey.....	44	6	Cocke.....	334	34
Chester.....	310	—	Douglas.....	61	3	Coffee.....	164	17
Chesterfield.....	414	—	Edmunds.....	87	4	Crockett.....	191	21
Clarendon.....	306	—	Fall River.....	202	24	Cumberland.....	104	7
Colleton.....	289	—	Faulk.....	40	—	Davidson.....	2,417	668
			Grant.....	95	4	De Kalb.....	130	15
			Gregory.....	141	10			
			Haakon.....	30	4			
			Hamlin.....	35	—			
			Hand.....	69	5			

<sup>8</sup> All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.<sup>9</sup> Unorganized.

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TENNESSEE— Con.			TENNESSEE—Con.			TEXAS—Con.		
Decatur.....	127	6	Unicoi.....	150	16	Cottle.....	74	9
Dickson.....	184	15	Union.....	120	13	Crane.....	( <sup>9</sup> )	( <sup>9</sup> )
Dyer.....	446	91	Van Buren.....	23	—	Crockett.....	20	1
Payette.....	305	45	Warren.....	185	11	Crosby.....	96	14
Fentress.....	162	13	Washington.....	560	77	Culberson.....	6	—
Franklin.....	288	34	Wayne.....	107	9	Dallam.....	75	5
Gibson.....	508	46	Weakley.....	345	40	Dallas.....	4,044	1,229
Giles.....	428	53	White.....	183	22	Dawson.....	114	4
Grainger.....	109	13	Williamson.....	401	23	De Witt.....	377	46
Greene.....	333	32	Wilson.....	222	33	Deaf Smith.....	34	4
Grundey.....	112	14	TEXAS.....			Delta.....	226	41
Hamblen.....	222	12	69,243			Denton.....	381	58
Hamilton.....	1,149	457	14,632			Dickens.....	107	5
Hancock.....	91	8	Anderson.....	473	71	Dimmit.....	91	3
Hardeman.....	215	31	Andrews.....	2	—	Donley.....	90	11
Hardin.....	173	14	Angelina.....	406	60	Duval.....	144	14
Hawkins.....	232	9	Aransas.....	29	3	Eastland.....	565	110
Haywood.....	327	64	Archer.....	80	3	Ector.....	10	1
Henderson.....	164	22	Armstrong.....	28	1	Edwards.....	19	2
Henry.....	509	37	Atascosa.....	161	18	El Paso.....	1,531	334
Hickman.....	133	17	Austin.....	146	19	Ellis.....	773	160
Houston.....	59	4	Bailey.....	7	—	Erath.....	254	27
Humphreys.....	125	12	Bandera.....	17	—	Falls.....	380	143
Jackson.....	129	10	Bastrop.....	278	65	Fannin.....	645	86
Jefferson.....	139	16	Baylor.....	145	10	Fayette.....	308	33
Johnson.....	189	8	Bee.....	141	9	Fisher.....	141	12
Knox.....	1,820	264	Bell.....	633	114	Floyd.....	40	3
Lake.....	241	8	Bexar.....	3,499	1,098	Foard.....	57	—
Lauderdale.....	349	40	Blanco.....	26	2	Fort Bend.....	323	32
Lawrence.....	320	19	Borden.....	4	—	Franklin.....	107	17
Lewis.....	63	4	Bosque.....	113	10	Freestone.....	264	49
Lincoln.....	424	28	Bowie.....	521	92	Frio.....	117	6
Loudon.....	202	25	Brazoria.....	192	44	Gaines.....	13	1
McMinn.....	323	26	Brazos.....	419	96	Galveston.....	1,026	377
McNairy.....	175	10	Brewster.....	80	2	Garza.....	82	3
Macon.....	190	6	Briscoe.....	18	3	Gillespie.....	118	—
Madison.....	744	96	Brooks.....	63	5	Glasscock.....	4	—
Marion.....	234	27	Brown.....	331	35	Gollad.....	129	11
Marshall.....	156	10	Burleson.....	216	65	Gonzales.....	397	34
Maury.....	388	68	Burnet.....	69	7	Gray.....	19	—
Meigs.....	47	1	Caldwell.....	303	45	Grayson.....	1,156	179
Monroe.....	213	23	Calhoun.....	36	4	Gregg.....	349	68
Montgomery.....	646	85	Callahan.....	92	18	Grimes.....	265	36
Moore.....	32	1	Cameron.....	497	47	Guadalupe.....	310	43
Morgan.....	114	13	Camp.....	186	19	Hale.....	209	6
Obion.....	730	24	Carson.....	27	5	Hall.....	126	10
Overton.....	196	13	Cass.....	221	33	Hamilton.....	119	14
Perry.....	61	5	Castro.....	8	—	Hansford.....	14	2
Pickett.....	143	—	Chambers.....	10	9	Hardeman.....	157	19
Polk.....	135	11	Cherokee.....	375	81	Hardin.....	339	64
Putnam.....	259	17	Childress.....	183	14	Harris.....	4,167	1,839
Rhea.....	160	34	Clay.....	237	22	Hartley.....	7	2
Roane.....	295	33	Cochran.....	( <sup>9</sup> )	( <sup>9</sup> )	Haskell.....	254	14
Robertson.....	452	57	Coke.....	32	8	Hays.....	282	23
Rutherford.....	452	43	Coleman.....	236	5	Hemphill.....	51	5
Scott.....	337	12	Collin.....	659	88	Henderson.....	389	62
Sequatchie.....	50	1	Collingsworth.....	144	10	Hidalgo.....	534	16
Sevier.....	198	23	Colorado.....	210	32	Hill.....	545	73
Shelby.....	4,394	967	Comal.....	317	13	Hockley.....	8	—
Smith.....	180	11	Comanche.....	188	4	Hood.....	87	5
Stewart.....	188	3	Concho.....	36	3	Hopkins.....	336	57
Sullivan.....	1,534	44	Cooke.....	488	34	Houston.....	437	124
Sumner.....	723	27	Coryell.....	173	15	Howard.....	137	13
Tipton.....	266	52						
Trousdale.....	52	9						

<sup>9</sup> Unorganized.



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COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces
TEXAS—Con.			TEXAS—Con.			TEXAS—Con.		
Hudspeth.....	32	2	Oldham.....	11	—	Willacy.....	56	10
Hunt.....	766	109	Orange.....	274	87	Williamson.....	560	81
Hutchinson.....	2	—	Palo Pinto.....	162	39	Wilson.....	175	15
Irion.....	20	2	Panola.....	244	62	Winkler.....	1	—
Jack.....	101	6	Parker.....	404	24	Wise.....	235	21
Jackson.....	115	12	Parmer.....	61	1	Wood.....	234	33
Jasper.....	220	45	Pecos.....	31	2	Yoakum.....	9	—
Jeff Davis.....	11	1	Polk.....	303	52	Young.....	239	29
Jefferson.....	1,823	754	Potter.....	374	58	Zapata.....	26	—
Jim Hogg.....	49	1	Presidio.....	110	8	Zavalla.....	13	1
Jim Wells.....	84	8	Rains.....	141	17	UTAH.....		
Johnson.....	527	65	Randall.....	60	—	5,667		
Jones.....	222	25	Reagan.....	1	—	Beaver.....	36	4
Karnes.....	269	16	Real.....	17	—	Box Elder.....	131	15
Kaufman.....	659	53	Red River.....	470	75	Cache.....	382	13
Kendall.....	109	2	Reeves.....	59	5	Carbon.....	189	30
Kenedy.....	11	—	Refugio.....	64	10	Daggett.....	7	—
Kent.....	41	6	Roberts.....	19	4	Davis.....	533	9
Kerr.....	76	5	Robertson.....	333	79	Duchesne.....	44	2
Kimble.....	38	5	Rockwall.....	246	5	Emery.....	51	5
King.....	4	1	Runnels.....	269	30	Garfield.....	23	5
Kinney.....	26	4	Rusk.....	321	59	Grand.....	16	—
Kleberg.....	175	10	Sabine.....	158	23	Iron.....	34	8
Knox.....	99	7	San Augustine.....	165	20	Juab.....	56	12
La Salle.....	86	6	San Jacinto.....	95	24	Kane.....	11	—
Lamar.....	790	202	San Patricio.....	135	17	Millard.....	65	7
Lamb.....	25	2	San Saba.....	87	2	Morgan.....	13	1
Lampasas.....	153	13	Schleicher.....	20	—	Piute.....	24	5
Lavaca.....	376	50	Scurry.....	153	3	Rich.....	16	1
Lee.....	189	40	Shackelford.....	88	8	Salt Lake.....	2,551	544
Leon.....	145	41	Shelby.....	390	54	San Juan.....	18	2
Liberty.....	200	41	Sherman.....	20	—	Sanpete.....	145	14
Limestone.....	687	145	Smith.....	806	168	Sevier.....	98	13
Lipscomb.....	42	3	Somervell.....	45	—	Summit.....	27	2
Live Oak.....	29	2	Starr.....	103	9	Tooele.....	32	6
Llano.....	57	2	Stephens.....	304	98	Uintah.....	63	10
Loving.....	( <sup>9</sup> )	( <sup>9</sup> )	Sterling.....	15	1	Utah.....	362	38
Lubbock.....	305	28	Stonewall.....	76	10	Wasatch.....	31	7
Lynn.....	101	5	Sutton.....	9	1	Washington.....	94	4
McCulloch.....	152	28	Swisher.....	36	3	Wayne.....	21	1
McLennan.....	1,515	544	Tarrant.....	2,830	1,076	Weber.....	594	101
McMullen.....	15	1	Taylor.....	516	54	VERMONT.....		
Madison.....	167	24	Terrell.....	33	5	3,290		
Marion.....	188	43	Terry.....	49	1	Addison.....	147	12
Martin.....	22	—	Throckmorton.....	25	2	Bennington.....	275	36
Mason.....	52	2	Titus.....	167	37	Caledonia.....	177	38
Matagorda.....	179	25	Tom Green.....	234	44	Chittenden.....	494	67
Maverick.....	116	4	Travis.....	940	271	Essex.....	85	6
Medina.....	126	9	Trinity.....	146	28	Franklin.....	289	23
Menard.....	37	1	Tyler.....	129	20	Grand Isle.....	36	3
Midland.....	33	3	Upshur.....	289	68	Lamoille.....	88	10
Milam.....	650	97	Upton.....	2	—	Orange.....	120	24
Mills.....	72	7	Uvalde.....	127	13	Orleans.....	284	27
Mitchell.....	176	20	Val Verde.....	139	17	Rutland.....	391	48
Montague.....	238	36	Van Zandt.....	263	11	Washington.....	331	59
Montgomery.....	302	105	Victoria.....	245	37	Windham.....	295	39
Moore.....	8	—	Walker.....	246	43	Windsor.....	328	40
Morris.....	158	30	Waller.....	159	26	VIRGINIA.....		
Motley.....	51	4	Ward.....	33	3	23,559		
Nacogdoches.....	426	42	Washington.....	391	71	Accomac.....	228	23
Navarro.....	1,016	255	Webb.....	482	31	Albemarle.....	238	13
Newton.....	136	34	Wharton.....	288	66	Alleghany.....	174	6
Nolan.....	238	12	Wheeler.....	107	9	Amelia.....	66	5
Nueces.....	381	46	Wichita.....	1,123	294	Amherst.....	142	12
Ochiltree.....	31	—	Wilbarger.....	253	29			

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COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces
VIRGINIA—Con.			VIRGINIA—Con.			WASHINGTON— Con.		
Appomattox.....	71	3	Patrick.....	231	11	Franklin.....	80	4
Arlington.....	174	132	Pittsylvania.....	589	56	Garfield.....	38	5
Augusta.....	302	21	Powhatan.....	36	4	Grant.....	49	7
Bath.....	34	8	Prince Edward.....	138	19	Grays Harbor.....	528	138
Bedford.....	187	17	Prince George.....	90	8	Island.....	21	1
Bland.....	32	1	Prince William.....	57	15	Jefferson.....	49	12
Botetourt.....	137	6	Princess Anne.....	95	10	King.....	4,354	1,379
Brunswick.....	186	8	Pulaski.....	132	11	Kitsap.....	226	53
Buchanan.....	172	9	Rappahannock.....	61	3	Kittitas.....	189	19
Buckingham.....	106	9	Richmond.....	55	4	Klickitat.....	62	14
Campbell.....	192	5	Roanoke.....	267	13	Lewis.....	500	88
Caroline.....	83	15	Rockbridge.....	158	18	Lincoln.....	70	12
Carroll.....	174	8	Rockingham.....	247	12	Mason.....	51	6
Charles City.....	37	2	Russell.....	214	22	Okanogan.....	133	29
Charlotte.....	135	7	Scott.....	180	13	Pacific.....	110	25
Chesterfield.....	165	13	Shenandoah.....	134	6	Pend Oreille.....	78	11
Clarke.....	51	11	Smyth.....	92	15	Pierce.....	1,745	412
Craig.....	31	1	Southampton.....	281	5	San Juan.....	19	4
Culpeper.....	83	12	Spotsylvania.....	64	4	Skagit.....	297	62
Cumberland.....	60	10	Stafford.....	55	5	Skamania.....	100	5
Dickenson.....	128	21	Surry.....	80	7	Snohomish.....	882	119
Dinwiddie.....	93	4	Sussex.....	103	9	Spokane.....	1,711	475
Elizabeth City.....	239	39	Tazewell.....	279	25	Stevens.....	130	12
Essex.....	37	4	Warren.....	74	18	Thurston.....	440	35
Fairfax.....	133	56	Warwick.....	70	21	Wahkiakum.....	19	1
Fauquier.....	124	23	Washington.....	75	30	Walla Walla.....	423	78
Floyd.....	101	6	Westmoreland.....	57	17	Whatcom.....	562	107
Fluvanna.....	61	5	Wise.....	660	80	Whitman.....	172	11
Franklin.....	224	11	Wythe.....	128	12	Yakima.....	599	141
Frederick.....	76	6	York.....	53	5			
Giles.....	101	8	INDEPENDENT CITIES			WEST VIRGINIA.....		
Gloucester.....	68	7	Alexandria city.....	1,156	166	Barbour.....	128	8
Goochland.....	50	4	Bristol city.....	188	14	Berkeley.....	213	32
Grayson.....	212	6	Buena Vista city.....	34	6	Boone.....	246	35
Greene.....	31	3	Charlottesville city.....	135	24	Braxton.....	199	17
Greensville.....	481	4	Clifton Forge city.....	66	9	Brooke.....	2,678	19
Halifax.....	498	42	Danville city.....	907	70	Cabell.....	570	156
Hanover.....	113	4	Fredericksburg city.....	104	10	Calhoun.....	86	10
Henrico.....	161	10	Harrisonburg city.....	(10)	(10)	Clay.....	139	7
Henry.....	226	12	Hopewell city.....	141	10	Doddridge.....	90	4
Highland.....	35	1	Lynchburg city.....	494	61	Fayette.....	604	100
Isle of Wight.....	120	4	Newport News city.....	342	71	Gilmer.....	89	4
James City.....	47	5	Norfolk city.....	1,614	287	Grant.....	39	2
King and Queen.....	49	4	Petersburg city.....	397	55	Greenbrier.....	272	13
King George.....	41	10	Portsmouth city.....	559	70	Hampshire.....	31	3
King William.....	46	8	Radford city.....	68	7	Hancock.....	408	13
Lancaster.....	72	10	Richmond city.....	2,170	407	Hardy.....	55	3
Lee.....	209	19	Roanoke city.....	721	121	Harrison.....	613	59
Loudoun.....	95	16	Staunton city.....	102	8	Jackson.....	98	17
Louisa.....	110	14	Suffolk city.....	221	7	Jefferson.....	130	9
Lunenburg.....	128	11	Winchester city.....	96	11	Kanawha.....	1,710	315
Madison.....	62	7				Lewis.....	154	13
Mathews.....	51	24	WASHINGTON.....			Lincoln.....	149	10
Mecklenburg.....	269	14	Adams.....	61	14	Logan.....	633	98
Middlesex.....	48	14	Asotin.....	65	9	McDowell.....	967	98
Montgomery.....	153	8	Benton.....	125	13	Marion.....	513	48
Nansemond.....	310	5	Chelan.....	310	45	Marshall.....	242	26
Nelson.....	141	5	Clallam.....	101	31	Mason.....	198	28
New Kent.....	15	3	Clarke.....	2,660	79	Mercer.....	785	84
Norfolk.....	351	26	Columbia.....	77	18	Mineral.....	120	17
Northampton.....	148	16	Cowlitz.....	600	29	Mingo.....	486	56
Northumberland.....	68	4	Douglas.....	44	7			
Nottoway.....	114	8	Ferry.....	24	3			
Orange.....	101	8						
Page.....	89	9						

<sup>10</sup> Included in Rockingham County.

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COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mar- riages	Di- vor- ces
WEST VIRGINIA— Con.			WISCONSIN—Con.			WISCONSIN—Con.		
Monongalia.....	377	44	Douglas.....	150	89	Taylor.....	111	6
Monroe.....	81	3	Dunn.....	125	9	Trempealeau.....	125	6
Morgan.....	56	5	Eau Claire.....	248	27	Vernon.....	139	2
Nicholas.....	189	16	Florence.....	9		Vilas.....	37	9
Ohio.....	2, 016	102	Fond du Lac.....	404	46	Walworth.....	208	18
Pendleton.....	45		Forest.....	32	13	Washburn.....	71	3
Pleasants.....	104	5	Grant.....	174	19	Washington.....	199	17
Pocahontas.....	109	12	Green.....	144	12	Waukesha.....	270	42
Preston.....	139	11	Green Lake.....	77		Waupaca.....	254	19
Putnam.....	141	9	Iowa.....	83	8	Waushara.....	89	5
Raleigh.....	606	104	Iron.....	53	3	Winnebago.....	501	91
Randolph.....	220	22	Jackson.....	43	8	Wood.....	300	28
Ritchie.....	105	9	Jefferson.....	265	22			
Roane.....	160	19	Juneau.....	128	19	WYOMING.....	2, 204	570
Summers.....	191	22	Kenosha.....	295	95	Albany.....	94	27
Taylor.....	141	22	Kewaunee.....	90	2	Big Horn.....	70	30
Tucker.....	82	11	La Crosse.....	304	42	Campbell.....	46	12
Tyler.....	106	5	Lafayette.....	63	10	Carbon.....	76	29
Upshur.....	179	17	Langlade.....	113	25	Converse.....	141	32
Wayne.....	155	37	Lincoln.....	171	19	Crook.....	10	6
Webster.....	117	5	Manitowoc.....	394	33	Fremont <sup>12</sup> .....	87	25
Wetzel.....	228	26	Marathon.....	451	59	Goshen.....	129	3
Wirt.....	56	1	Marinette.....	146	34	Hot Springs.....	67	21
Wood.....	597	95	Marquette.....	71	3	Johnson.....	37	8
Wyoming.....	140	15	Milwaukee.....	5, 340	494	Laramie.....	312	75
WISCONSIN.....	17, 776	112, 091	Monroe.....	156	19	Lincoln <sup>12</sup> .....	68	19
Adams.....	30	2	Oconto.....	101	17	Natrona.....	431	117
Ashland.....	129	8	Oneida.....	88	5	Niobrara.....	32	6
Barron.....	179	22	Outagamie.....	345	36	Park.....	43	20
Bayfield.....	38	3	Ozaukee.....	116	9	Platte.....	53	15
Brown.....	442	65	Pepin.....	39	3	Sheridan.....	165	68
Buffalo.....	66	4	Pierce.....	99	8	Sublette <sup>12</sup> .....	10	1
Burnett.....	22	3	Polk.....	68	5	Sweetwater.....	164	29
Calumet.....	104	5	Portage.....	184	24	Uinta.....	110	8
Chippewa.....	222	25	Price.....	73	10	Washakie.....	24	5
Clark.....	189	21	Racine.....	458	95	Weston.....	35	14
Columbia.....	208	12	Richland.....	119	16			
Crawford.....	88	6	Rock.....	275	102			
Dane.....	591	87	Rusk.....	112	7			
Dodge.....	301	27	St. Croix.....	151	11			
Door.....	125	4	Sauk.....	231	21			
			Sawyer.....	37	3			
			Shawano.....	222	25			
			Sheboygan.....	491	44			

<sup>11</sup> Divorces granted for fiscal year Oct. 1, 1922, to Sept. 30, 1923.<sup>12</sup> Sublette County organized Jan. 1, 1923, from parts of Fremont and Lincoln Counties.













